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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING

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Volume I  
March 14, 2001  
8:30 a.m.  
Community Hall  
Kotlik, Alaska

17 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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19 Harry Wilde, Sr, Chairman

20 Mary Gregory, Acting Secretary

21 Mike Savage

22 Lester Wilde, Sr.

23 James A. Charles

24 Alvin Owletuck, Alternate

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26 Alex Nick, Coordinator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(On record)

CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We call to order, the meeting called to order. (In Yup'ik) This morning, are you ready?

COURT REPORTER: We're on record.

CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. We're supposed to have an elder here for invocation, and I'll ask Mary Gregory if she could.....

MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Our Father in Heaven, and our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for this day. We thank you for being with us throughout the days. Again, we thank you for bringing us together this morning. We ask your guidance upon the job we're about to take this morning, and I ask your blessing upon this meeting, and be with our families back home, our loved ones, and anybody who is travelling today, Lord, guide them safely to wherever they're going.

IN UNISON: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Quyana, Mary. And also that we don't have any secretary, I ask Mary if she would volunteer to be our secretary for us this morning. So I'll ask her for a roll call. You could find it under Tab E.

MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Okay. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Here.

MS. GREGORY: Robert Nick. Fritz George. John Hanson.

MR. HANSON: Here.

MS. GREGORY: James Charles?

MR. CHARLES: Here.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde, Senior?

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Here.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Myself is here. Willard  
6 Church. Billy McCann. Mike Savage?

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8 MR. SAVAGE: Here.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Phillip Moses. Alternates  
11 Thaddius Tikiun. Alvin Owletuck.

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13 MR. OWLETUCK: Here.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Let's see, one, two, three,  
16 four, five, six, seven. (In Yup'ik) Seven.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, we have a quorum.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Seven RACs present.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I got a message just  
23 handed to me right now. Mike Coffing wouldn't be here  
24 because he's helping on a search, searching over in the  
25 Kuskokwim side.

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27 So we have item five, open -- supposed to  
28 be opening comment by Kotlik Traditional Council, President  
29 Joseph Mike. (In Yup'ik) I don't think he's here. He's  
30 not.

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32 MR. L. WILDE: You've got the mayor here.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mayor? You should have  
35 -- take his place and have a comment this morning if you  
36 want to? Yeah, (In Yup'ik), for the record where you're  
37 from?

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39 MR. UNOK: My name is Al Unok, mayor of the  
40 City of Kotlik. And I'd like to welcome the committee  
41 here, and also I didn't know you people were coming until  
42 two days ago, and we weren't ready for you, but we'll have  
43 somebody make you guys coffee this morning. And we'd like  
44 to welcome -- what do you call it now?

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46 MS. GREGORY: We're the RAC.

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48 MR. UNOK: Yeah. On behalf of the city  
49 council, we'd like to welcome everybody and the guests, and  
50 there's Eskimo practice every night for potlatch. You guys

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1 are welcome. Maybe you could dance, too, you know.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. These  
4 are Federal Subsistence Advisory Council.

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6 MR. UNOK: Okay. They were supposed to be  
7 here six months ago I guess.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, six months ago.  
10 However, our coordinator here next to me, he put the  
11 meeting. that they're going to have a meeting at Kotlik to  
12 radio, KLMN (ph) and all that, and also they send out a  
13 flyers?

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15 MR. NICK: Fax -- yeah, fax. I faxed a  
16 copy of the notice, public notice to your office I believe  
17 here, and also to traditional council and you should have  
18 received it.

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20 MR. UNOK: Okay. Also for your  
21 information, the washeteria will be open for anybody who  
22 want to go bathroom at 9:00 o'clock.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Oh, 9:00 o'clock they  
25 be open.

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27 MS. GREGORY: If they have time.

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29 MR. UNOK: Yes, they'll be open at 9:00  
30 o'clock.

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32 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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34 MR. UNOK: Any question about the city,  
35 anybody need help, can go to city office. We'll be glad to  
36 help out. And our city manager is Jack Okitkun, Jr. He'll  
37 be in the office from nine to five for if you guys need any  
38 help. And if anybody needs a better place, let the council  
39 know, our traditional council know if you guys need a  
40 better place to stay.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I wonder if you could  
43 -- it would be help if you could announce through VHF and  
44 announce that we're going to have a meeting here. The  
45 meeting is very important for this area, what we're going  
46 to talk about.

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48 MR. UNOK: Okay. I'll do that, but they've  
49 been doing that for a couple days now.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay.

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3 MR. UNOK: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Quyana.

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7 MR. UNOK: Ee-ee.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: And also we have from  
10 -- we have Kotlik (In Yup'ik)?

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12 MR. ANDREWS: Yes, (In Yup'ik).

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Will you come over and  
15 introduce yourself and who you are, and which -- who you  
16 represent? This is one of the important people from  
17 Emmonak.

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19 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik).

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21 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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23 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. ANDREWS: Huh?

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27 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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29 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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31 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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33 INTERPRETER: He came from Emmonak last  
34 night. He's with the council in Emmonak. He is chairman  
35 of the co-op in Emmonak. He's (indiscernible) in Emmonak's  
36 corporate structures. When he heard of this planned  
37 meeting through KNOM radio station, he decided to --  
38 because he didn't have any other business to do in Emmonak,  
39 he decided to make a run for this meeting.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Quyana.  
42 (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. TEELUK: Billy Teeluk.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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48 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)?

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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5 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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9 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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13 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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17 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik), yeah.

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21 MR. TEELUK: Yeah. Billy Teeluk from

22 Kotlik.

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24 INTERPRETER: Billy Teeluk from Kotlik.

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26 MR. TEELUK: I'm on my own here. See how  
27 you guys operate and find out how big city keep things  
28 under control. (In Yup'ik)

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30 INTERPRETER: He's on his own, and he's  
31 interested in how they (In Yup'ik). He was interested in  
32 how the business is run, so he came to listen in on the  
33 meetings. He looks at all of his friends up on the table  
34 there, and they look distinguished from their simple way of  
35 living. That's all the information I have to give, so  
36 whatever he needs to comments, he will do so in due time.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. I think  
39 next is I'm going to ask staff to give their name and your  
40 responsibility. We would appreciate it. Mike? Start with  
41 Mike.

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43 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, I'm Mike Riorden, the  
44 manager of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

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46 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm Vince Matthews, the  
47 regional coordinator for Western Interior out of Fairbanks.

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49 MS. GREGORY: I can't remember your last  
50 name?

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1 MR. MATTHEWS: Matthews.

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3 MS. GREGORY: Matthews.

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5 MR. FLEENER: My name is Craig Fleener, I  
6 come from Fort Yukon. I'm on the Eastern Interior Regional  
7 Council, and I've come to talk about fish.

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9 MS. GREGORY: Your last name?

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Your last name?

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13 MR. FLEENER: Fleener.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Fleener.

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17 MR. FLEENER: Fleener, F-l-e-e-n-e-r.

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19 MR. BERG: Jerry Berg, I'm the fisheries  
20 biologist out of the Office of Subsistence Management. I'm  
21 -- I work on the Kuskokwim River.

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23 MR. RIVARD: I'm Don Rivard. I'm the  
24 Division Chief for the Office of Subsistence Management for  
25 Yukon Delta, Western Interior, and Eastern Interior  
26 Regions.

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28 MS. GREGORY: Your name is who?

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30 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard, R-i-v as in  
31 Victor-a-r-d.

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33 MS. GREGORY: And you're what? Mornings  
34 I'm not awake. It will take three cups of coffee more.

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36 MS. JURGENSEN: I am Laura Jurgensen. I'm  
37 the anthropologist with Fish and Wildlife for the Y-K  
38 Region for Unit 5 and -- excuse me Region 5, and I work on  
39 customary and traditional designations and anything else  
40 related to culture and subsistence. And (indiscernible).

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We also have staff over  
43 there.

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45 MR. D. MIKE: My name is Don Mike. I'm the  
46 council coordinator for Eastern Interior Region.

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48 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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50 MR. D. MIKE: Donald Mike.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Donald Mike. (In  
2 Yup'ik)

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4 MR. ANDREWS: Lou (ph) Andrew. I'm with  
5 Fish and Wildlife in Bethel. I'm a native (indiscernible)  
6 interpreter and also the refuge information technician  
7 supervisor.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. MOSES: My name is Leo Moses, Sr., from  
12 Chevak. I'm with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service serving  
13 as refuge information technician to the region.

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15 MS. GREGORY: You're also interpreting.

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17 MR. MOSES: I'm also the interpreter  
18 wherever I'm needed. Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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22 MR. ADAM: My name's Mike Adam (ph).

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: From Kotlik?

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26 MR. ADAM: Yeah, from here.  
27 (Indiscernible)

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29 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Court reporter.

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31 COURT REPORTER: Meredith Downing, and I'm  
32 your court reporter.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Downy?

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36 COURT REPORTER: Downing, D-o-w-n-i-n-g.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: And also we have a  
39 gentleman coming in right there. Give us your name and  
40 where you're from and.....

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42 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik)

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, right.

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46 INTERPRETER: He's the man that going to  
47 get rich.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Your name, Carl Jack?

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1 MR. JACK: Yeah, Carl Jack.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Your responsibility?

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5 MR. JACK: I work with Mitch, give advice  
6 and counsel to the Federal Subsistence Board through the  
7 Chair. And that's my main responsibility. I'm kind of  
8 like the eyes and ears for the Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. So I  
11 think that everyone is introduced now. Oh, I'm sorry, our  
12 coordinator here.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Your name?

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16 MR. NICK: Alex Nick, regional coordinator  
17 from Bethel for Yukon Delta Federal Subsistence Regional  
18 Advisory Council.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think that we're all  
21 here. Let's go to number 6 on our agenda. Review and  
22 adoption of agenda. As new items, seven is approval of  
23 minutes of October 24, 25, 2000 Bethel meeting, tab B, but  
24 it's not there.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: And we haven't -- I haven't  
27 received mine either, Mr. Chairman.

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29 MR. NICK: If you would -- Mr. Chairman?

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31 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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33 MR. NICK: I would like to apologize for  
34 not completing the minutes of the meeting from October. I  
35 have the minutes halfway done, because of the fact that the  
36 transcripts from October meeting are very difficult to  
37 condense into minutes, because I had to put some sentences  
38 together even though they were given -- the presentations  
39 were given by the professional people, they were kind of  
40 given in more or less like talking to -- in a simple --  
41 supposedly simple language, but it was more or less hard to  
42 put together, and it was a slow process. But as you all  
43 know what we -- what you talked about and have done minutes  
44 here, and transcripts of appropriate meeting. And the  
45 transcripts are also here if anybody wants to  
46 (indiscernible - simultaneous speech).

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48 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) We're here.  
49 We're reviewing adoption of agenda, you have new items?

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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3 MS. GREGORY: He comes after.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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7 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, that's where we  
8 stand with respect to minutes. I apologize again, because  
9 I'm at fault, because, you know, I'm responsible for  
10 putting them together, but it's a very slow process.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Approval (In Yup'ik).  
13 I think we're a little bit too fast here. We have to  
14 approve our agenda yet.

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16 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik).

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We're going through it.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, if there.....

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22 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: .....are no additions to the  
25 agenda, I'd like to move that the agenda be approved as  
26 written.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: You want to approve it  
29 now?

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31 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. There's a motion  
34 on the floor to approve -- how about additional ones?

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36 MR. L. WILDE: They can come later. If  
37 there's additions, Mr. Chairman, we can suspend the rules.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay.

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41 MR. OWLETUCK: Okay. On the agenda, I  
42 don't see any people to be heard?

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44 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, motion needs to  
45 be seconded before we can.....

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47 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. That's what I'm  
48 waiting.

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50 MR. SAVAGE: Second.

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1 MR. CHARLES: Second the motion, Mr.  
2 Chairman.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second's over here.  
5 Seconded by Mike Savage.

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7 MS. GREGORY: You have to speak up.

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9 MR. SAVAGE: Okay.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Discussion?

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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15 MR. OWLETUCK: On the.....

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17 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question's been called  
18 for.

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20 MR. OWLETUCK: On the (indiscernible) I  
21 don't see any people to be heard in the agenda. Do we have  
22 a place for -- do we have audience (In Yup'ik)?

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, we could put  
25 that under 15, any other new business as item A.

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27 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, maybe Vince can  
28 clarify this, and Jerry. Public -- rather, people to be  
29 heard, can they be put under public comments?

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31 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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33 MR. MATTHEWS: Can everybody hear me from  
34 here? Okay. You want me up here or.....

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36 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think it would be  
37 good if you move over here.

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39 MR. MATTHEWS: (Indiscernible) Mr.  
40 Chairman, I think in the past what you've done is when an  
41 issue came up, and if somebody was in the room.....

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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45 MR. MATTHEWS: .....that wanted to testify,  
46 they'd either get ahold of Alex or one of the staff or  
47 yourself, and then they'd be recognized and asked to come  
48 to the table. You'll note on the -- that's it, so they can  
49 be called up at any time if that's the wishes of the  
50 council. I think with a lot of people coming and going

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1 from the meeting here, it might be wise to do that,  
2 continue that.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We do have public  
5 comments up there on the first page of agenda which reads  
6 public comments are welcome for each agenda item throughout  
7 the meeting. Please fill out comment form or recognized by  
8 the chair. I don't think we need to put it on agenda. How  
9 are we doing, Mary?

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11 MS. GREGORY: Not bad.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. Next is.....

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15 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) For adoption.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion  
18 on the floor and a second to approve agenda, and  
19 discussion, was a question, and then all who favor it say  
20 aye?

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Opposed, say no?

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26 (No opposing votes.)

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Motion carried. So  
29 we're going to take page by page now. Now, Alex, on agenda  
30 here, approval of minutes that you didn't -- you already  
31 talk about it, why.

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33 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, I don't know how  
34 it's been done in the past. Maybe this might be the first  
35 time, but it might be appropriate to adopt the minutes in  
36 your fall meeting, if it's okay with the staff, that I  
37 would recommend that, you know, we go ahead and complete  
38 the minutes before the fall meeting, and then we could have  
39 two minutes to approve in the fall meeting, one for October  
40 2000 meeting and one for this meeting.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
43 move that we defer the minutes until the next meeting.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: There's a motion on the  
46 floor to defer the minutes to next meeting. If there's any  
47 second to the motion?

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49 MR. OWLETUCK: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by Alvin.

2 Discussion?

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4 MR. HANSON: Question.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question has been  
7 called for. All who favor say aye.

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9 IN UNISON: Aye.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Oppose say no?

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13 (No opposing votes.)

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Motion carried. Next  
16 is eight on our agenda, 805 letter, December 5, 2000,  
17 Federal Subsistence Board meeting, tab C. You could find  
18 it. I'm going to ask my brother to volunteer if he can --  
19 if he could read this letter, because I am a slow reader  
20 anyway. Brother, if you would help me?

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. Dated February 9th,  
23 2001. Addressed to Mr. Harry Wilde, Chair, Yukon-Kuskokwim  
24 Delta Regional Advisory Council. The text is as follows:

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26 Dear Mr. Wilde: This letter is to inform  
27 the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council of actions  
28 taken by the Federal Subsistence Board at its December 5  
29 to 10 meeting -- 5 to 10, 2000, meeting. As you know, the  
30 primary purpose of the Board meeting is to act upon  
31 proposed changes to Subpart D regulations governing  
32 seasons, harvest quotas, and methods and means of  
33 subsistence harvest of fish and shellfish on federal public  
34 waters for the 2001 to 2002 regulatory year. The Board  
35 also acted on proposed changes to Subpart C, regulations  
36 governing customary and traditional use determinations.

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38 The Board again utilized a consent agenda  
39 on the proposals where the Regional Council, the  
40 Interagency Staff Committee, and the Alaska Department of  
41 Fish and Game were in agreement. These proposals were  
42 deemed non-controversial and, therefore, did not require a  
43 separate discussion. The consent agenda items for the  
44 Western Interior Region Council were Proposals 6, 8, and 9.  
45 The Board adopted them and other consent agenda items at  
46 the conclusion of the meeting.

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48 The Board, once again, would like to  
49 express its admiration for the Regional Council's active  
50 involvement and diligence with the regulatory process. The

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1 ten regional councils continue to be the foundation of the  
2 Federal Subsistence Program and the stewardship shown by  
3 the regional council chairs and their representatives at  
4 the December meeting, board meeting was exceptional, as  
5 usual. The regional councils are skillfully fulfilling the  
6 intent of Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands  
7 Conservation Act of 1980.

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9 The following paragraphs provide an  
10 explanation of recent Board actions. Please note that when  
11 the Board rejected a regional council's recommendation, the  
12 rationale for the rejection is provided as required in  
13 Section 805(C) of ANILCA, Public Law 06-48, 16 US and so  
14 forth. With respect to issues specific to the Yukon-  
15 Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council, the Board took the  
16 following actions:

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18 Proposal 37 was submitted by John Starkey  
19 of Homer. This proposal requested lifting regulations  
20 regarding subsistence use of rainbow trout for residents of  
21 the villages of Akiak, Akiachak, Eek, Goodnews Bay,  
22 Kwethluk, Platinum, and Quinhagak in the Kuskokwim area.  
23 The Board modified the proposal to maintain current  
24 spawning season restrictions and to include dip net, --  
25 what kind of net is that, Mike? Fyke?

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27 MR. RIORDEN: Fyke.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: Fyke. Fyke net.

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31 MR. RIORDEN: Daluluk (ph).

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33 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Daluluk.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Daluluk? Okay. Handline  
36 and spear to the allowable subsistence gear and have no  
37 harvest limit for rod and reel, handline, spear, or jigging  
38 of rainbow trout. The Board's action is contrary to the  
39 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council recommendation to  
40 support lifting spawning restrictions. There is a  
41 conservation concern about the use of gill nets that might  
42 target rainbow trout during the spawning season, hence the  
43 rejection of that portion of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional  
44 Council's recommendation. There exists the possibility of  
45 -- to cause significant damage to a spawning population of  
46 rainbow trout as they congregate during spawning. The  
47 Board did note that rainbow trout could still be harvested  
48 during the spawning season, which is March 15th to June  
49 15th, if they are caught incidentally, but not targeted, in  
50 a net.

1                   Proposal FP01-32 was submitted by Angela  
2 Demientieff of Holy Cross. This proposal requested closure  
3 of sport fishing for pike and sheefish in the Innoko River,  
4 from its mouth and its tributaries, up to 30 miles above  
5 the old Holikachuck Village site. The Board rejected the  
6 proposal because there was no substantial evidence to  
7 support a closure, and there was no biological need for  
8 closure. This action is contrary to the recommendation of  
9 Western Interior and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional  
10 Councils which supported the proposal. The Board  
11 understands the concerns of local residents and encourages  
12 the Office of Subsistence Management to explore options  
13 outside the regulatory process to address these concerns.  
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15                   Proposal 05 was submitted by Leonard Kobuk  
16 and the St. Michael Native Corporation. This proposal  
17 sought to add the residents of the community of St. Michael  
18 to the existing customary and traditional use determination  
19 for salmon and chum salmon. Excuse me. The Board took no  
20 action on the proposal. At the request of the proponent,  
21 the proposal was deferred.  
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23                   Proposal 6 was submitted by the Yukon River  
24 Drainage Fishermen's Association. This proposal sought to  
25 change federal regulations under fishing periods for the  
26 Yukon-Northern Area by deleting the following provision:  
27 If you are a commercial salmon fisherman who is registered  
28 for District Y-1, Y-2, or Y-3, you may not take salmon for  
29 subsistence purposes in any other district located  
30 downstream from Old Paradise Village. The Board  
31 unanimously adopted the proposal consistent with the  
32 recommendations of the Yukon-Kuskokwim, Western Interior,  
33 and Eastern Interior regional advisory councils. And that  
34 was also one of our proposals, too.  
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36                   Proposal 7 was submitted by the Yukon River  
37 Drainage Fishermen's Association. This proposal was  
38 requested to add a permit requirement for reporting in  
39 Kantishna River drainage. The proposal was withdrawn by  
40 proponent.  
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42                   Proposal 8 was submitted by the Yukon River  
43 Drainage Fishermen's Association. This proposal requested  
44 to delete the requirement for a non-salmon harvest permit  
45 on the Tanana River, but retain the requirement to obtain a  
46 permit for subsistence salmon fishing within the upper  
47 Tanana River above the mouth of the Wood River. The Board  
48 adopted the proposal as written consistent with the  
49 recommendations of the Eastern Interior and Western  
50 Interior regional advisory councils. The Yukon-Kuskokwim

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1 Regional Advisory Council deferred the proposal to the home  
2 region.

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4 Proposal 9 was submitted by the Council of  
5 Athabaskan Tribal Governments. This proposal was requested  
6 to delete the permit requirement for whitefish and suckers  
7 for Birch Creek and within 500 feet of its mouth. The  
8 proposal would also refine the permit requirement to be  
9 upstream of the Birch Creek bridge on the Steese Highway  
10 for whitefish and suckers. The Board adopted the proposal  
11 as written consistent with the recommendations of the  
12 Eastern Interior and Western Interior regional advisory  
13 councils. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council  
14 deferred the proposal to the home region.

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16 Proposal 10 was submitted by the Council of  
17 Athabaskan Tribal Governments. This proposal was requested  
18 for the Yukon-North Area - Special Provisions, to delete  
19 the permit requirement for the Yukon River Drainage from  
20 the mouth of 22 Mile Slough upstream to the U.S./Canadian  
21 border. The proposal was withdrawn by the proponent.

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23 Proposal 11 was submitted by the Council of  
24 Athabaskan Tribal Governments. This proposal was requested  
25 to adopt a new regulation restricting targeting of chinook  
26 (king) salmon specifically for use as dog food. The Board  
27 adopted the Proposal 11 as modified by the Eastern Interior  
28 Regional Advisory Council's recommendation. The Eastern  
29 Interior Regional Council supported that chinook are  
30 primarily used for human consumption and not to be  
31 specifically targeted for dog food. Except, whole fish  
32 unfit for human consumption, scraps and jack kings, 16  
33 inches or less, may be fed to dogs. The Western Interior  
34 Council supported the proposal with modifications to adopt  
35 the language of the Alaska Board of Fish policy that king  
36 salmon are to be used primarily for human consumption and  
37 not specifically targeted for dog food, except that whole  
38 fish that are unfit for human consumption, scraps and small  
39 fish may be fed to dogs. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
40 Regional Council's recommendation was to support the  
41 proposal as written. The Board action, while not directly  
42 in line with the recommendations of the Western Interior  
43 and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta regional councils, it does  
44 incorporate the desires of all three regional councils to  
45 -- for action to meet the human demand and the spawning  
46 escapement needs on the Yukon River.

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48 Thank you again for the regional council's  
49 continued participation in the program and the regulatory  
50 process. The Federal Subsistence Board looks forward to a



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1 continuing and expanding relationship with the Yukon-  
2 Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council and the residents  
3 residing in the communities you represent.

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5 Should you have any questions regarding the  
6 summary of Board actions, please contact Alex Nick, your  
7 regional counsel at the number. And it's sincerely, Mitch  
8 Demientieff, Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Thank you. If there's  
11 any comments toward this from the staff? Towards this  
12 letter?

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14 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I have one  
15 comment. In the past I think when we were working on this  
16 -- on that proposal that -- is what I was misunderstood for  
17 District Y-1 and Y-2, you know, where we couldn't take  
18 subsistence fish? We can't just take subsistence fish from  
19 the fish that -- from the area that we were fishing in.  
20 There was always a misunderstanding of that. What they did  
21 was they deleted that requirement. Before, prior to this,  
22 if you were a commercial fisherman, salmon fisherman who is  
23 registered for District Y-1, Y-2 and Y-3, you couldn't take  
24 subsistence salmon for purposes in any other district  
25 located downstream from that area. That's the way the law  
26 was written. Now that law is off, so you can -- even if  
27 you're fishing in Y-1, you could go to Y-2, get your  
28 subsistence fish, and bring them back home. Prior to this,  
29 before they deleted that, that was a law that nobody hardly  
30 ever paid attention to.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Wilde, are you talking  
33 about Y-1 in Kuskokwim or Yukon?

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35 MR. L. WILDE: No, Y-1. Y-1 is Yukon.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Okay. We have.....

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39 MR. L. WILDE: Y-1, Y-2 and Y-3.

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41 MS. GREGORY: .....Y-1, 2 up there. Y-1  
42 and 2 in Yukon.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: But that was in the old reg  
45 -- state regulations. That's just for a point of  
46 clarification, Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Staff, do you have  
49 additional or -- towards this letter here?

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1 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair, Jerry Berg with  
2 the Office of Subsistence Management. We'll be happy to  
3 answer any questions, if you have any questions about board  
4 actions that they took at their December meeting. We  
5 didn't have anything specifically to present on this issue.  
6 We just are here to answer questions, but basically the  
7 letter does outline actions that the board took, and if you  
8 have any questions, or if issues were not addressed  
9 appropriately, this would be a time that we could also  
10 submit proposals, if you have -- if you'd like to address  
11 additional issues that were not addressed last year.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think I've got one  
14 question to you. Who's are Staff Committee? I mean, Staff  
15 Committee -- when I went to a meeting at Board meeting,  
16 already everything is laid out there. Everything is  
17 committed even before the Board's approved it. I say that  
18 the Board have to approve it, whatever, or some Staff  
19 Committee approved -- approves anything towards proposals.

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21 MR. BERG: Yes, and that's a very good  
22 question. And it is confusing sometimes, because we have  
23 staff, and we are the staff that help the Council. Any  
24 issues that you have, we're certainly here to help answers  
25 questions and work on issues that you have concerning fish  
26 and wildlife. But then there's also the Staff Committee,  
27 and it is confusing, because we have staff and then a Staff  
28 Committee is a separate group of people who review  
29 different issues before they go to the Federal Subsistence  
30 Board. And so basically like Carl Jack is a Staff  
31 Committee member, and he would sit on the Staff Committee  
32 as a representative for the Chairman. And then like Fish  
33 and Wildlife Service has a Staff Committee member who  
34 represents their Board member. And so it's a group of  
35 people that try to review issues and come up with  
36 recommendations for the Federal Subsistence Board prior to  
37 the Federal Subsistence Board meetings when they have them.  
38 So they would, like you -- the proposals that you will  
39 address today on wildlife, the Western and Eastern Interior  
40 councils also addressed those same proposals last week, and  
41 the Staff Committee will look at your recommendations and  
42 the Staff Committee's recommendations and take that  
43 information together along with the staff reports and try  
44 to come up with a solution to the issue prior to the  
45 Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Let  
48 me ask Carl. (In Yup'ik)

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50 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik). For the record, I

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1 just got on board on December 4, as a native liaison to try  
2 to enhance the communication between the Federal Board and  
3 the Alaska native community. So that's my primary goal  
4 aside from giving advice and counsel to the Federal Board  
5 through the Chair. This is specific to issues that will  
6 impact the Alaska native community, so that's for the  
7 record is my duty, my responsibilities. (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: As I look at it in respect of  
10 the organizational structure, there are.....

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12 MR. JACK: Five federal agencies. (In  
13 Yup'ik)

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15 INTERPRETER: .....federal government  
16 agencies.

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18 MR. JACK: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
19 Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service,  
20 National Parks. (In Yup'ik).

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22 INTERPRETER: He's just pointing out the  
23 federal agencies.

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25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: BIA.

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27 MR. JACK: Yeah, BIA. (In Yup'ik)

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29 INTERPRETER: And there's -- are those are  
30 the.....

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32 MR. JACK: These agencies, aside from BIA,  
33 have what they call federal lands in Alaska, those  
34 conservation units. (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: Those are the formed as the  
37 Federal Subsistence Board, and they have staff.

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39 MR. JACK: For the fed -- that's what makes  
40 up the Federal Subsistence Board. (In Yup'ik) Like they  
41 have workers that give advice and counsel to their board  
42 members. For example, Niles Cesar representing BIA, (In  
43 Yup'ik) is Ida Hildebrand. For BLM now it's Taylor  
44 Brelesford. (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: Those are the board members  
47 and staff.

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49 MR. JACK: And when -- and I represent the  
50 Chair on the Staff Committee. (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: That's how they're structured  
2 for me to serve the Chair. And these proposals.....

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4 MR. JACK: First the proposals, they go to  
5 what they call leadership team. These are the division  
6 heads within Office of Subsistence Management. (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: Those proposals are reviewed,  
9 then the proposals.....

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11 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik) proposal from the  
12 leadership team or the division staffs, like Mr. Rivard and  
13 Jerry, they're head of different departments within OSI.  
14 (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: All the proposals are  
17 reviewed, and then they place a recommendation.

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19 MR. JACK: Then that recommen -- those  
20 proposals are referred to the Staff Committee. (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: After having reviewed, they  
23 go into the -- and the regional council reviews those  
24 proposals. And then they have to go to the Staff  
25 Committee.

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27 MR. JACK: Then they'll -- the Staff  
28 Committee I guess it's a practice for them to establish  
29 certain recommendations. (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: Those are referred to the  
32 Federal Board.

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34 MR. JACK: So the Staff Committee  
35 recommendations are those recommendations made by the key  
36 workers of the federal agencies that -- so we have two --  
37 kind of two tracks. I think this is -- I'm new on this.  
38 You have the regional advisory councils, regional councils  
39 (In Yup'ik).

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41 INTERPRETER: And all of the  
42 recommendations will pinpoint the Federal Board.

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44 MR. JACK: That's the way I understand the  
45 system to work. I may add that it's -- from what I've  
46 seen, I've worked for a lot of native organizations in the  
47 past. AVCP and others, AFN, RuralCAP. This process that  
48 is used by the Federal Office of Subsistence Management is  
49 the most participatory system that I've seen. (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: Those who overview the  
2 proposals are the ones that -- the main track of the Board.

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4 MR. JACK: That's the way I understand the  
5 system to work, so I'm, one, talking about the process of  
6 how the system works, and also who is involved.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Quyana. Quyana Carl.  
9 (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. JACK: Yeah. Okay. Yeah. Quyana.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Yeah. I think  
14 that we understand that issue, 805 letter and how it is.  
15 Maybe at this time, if the Council agree with it and  
16 approve it, it have to be on a motion. I think it would be  
17 better to approve by motion.

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19 MR. NICK: Vince.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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23 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, this is Vince  
24 Matthews. On the 805 letter, the way Carl laid it out, he  
25 explained it was a very participatory, a lot of opportunity  
26 to get involved in it. The 805 is your report card back to  
27 you on actions that you took and the Board agreed or  
28 disagreed with it. My understanding, there's no action  
29 needed by this Council. It is just a return loop that when  
30 the designers of Title VIII, they wanted to make sure the  
31 subsistence knew why their actions were not accepted. So  
32 it is a very powerful document, but it is not one that you  
33 approve or disapprove.

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35 If on one of the items in the letter you  
36 don't agree with what the Board did, then you can take  
37 other actions, like you could submit another proposal the  
38 next cycle to address what the Board didn't do. Or if you  
39 felt it was way off base what the Board did, and you had  
40 additional information, you could ask the Board to  
41 reconsider it, which would have to be before the next  
42 cycle.

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44 So that's the whole thing of the letter,  
45 but the letter is the loop back to you so you can  
46 understand why the Board accepted or rejected a proposal.  
47 You can share it with your villages, and then write better  
48 proposals in the future or take other actions that are  
49 needed. So anyway, that's the letter, so I don't know --  
50 the Council can approve the letter, but it really has no

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1 function to approve it. It's an informational item for  
2 you.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Thank you, Vince.

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6 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: So we'll go to the next  
9 one, this is just information only. On our agenda, nine,  
10 but before I go to the nine, there's an explanation here,  
11 open the floor for the public of the Federal Subsistence  
12 Program. This opportunity continues throughout the  
13 meeting. Please fill out a testifier form. That's the  
14 green one down here. And also the green ones right here.  
15 You could fill out testifier forms, or you could be  
16 recognized by the chair if you don't want to -- if you  
17 don't want to fill out testifier forms. But it would be  
18 good to fill out the testifier forms, because we keep those  
19 testifier forms for the record. We know that we -- when we  
20 have a meeting at Kotlik, someone wanted to talk about  
21 subsistence or commercial or something else.

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23 And also part of that -- part of this  
24 information that I give to you, we do have a coordinator  
25 here next to me. Coordinator is the responsibility to make  
26 sure that you understand, and if you need something that  
27 you didn't understand, you could talk to him. (In Yup'ik)

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29 INTERPRETER: He's just reading what he  
30 stated in English. Alex will make you understand clearer.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: Alex Nick is the coordinator  
37 for the board members or Advisory Council members who sit  
38 on the table. He's our spearhead.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: The next on our agenda  
41 is wildlife proposal review and Regional Council  
42 recommendation. You'll find it on tab D. So it follows  
43 down, (a) introduction of proposal; (b) biological, social,  
44 culture analysis; (c) ADF&G comments. ADF&G is not here at  
45 this time. (d) Summary of written public comments; (e)  
46 open floor to public comments; (f) Regional Council  
47 deliberations, justification and recommendation. And the  
48 note underneath there are all crossover proposals; none are  
49 primarily in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region. So who's going to  
50 talk about item nine? Vince or Jerry or one?

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1 MR. BERG: We'll do it together.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. So come to the  
4 table here and.....

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6 MR. BERG: Got to go to work.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. We're doing now.

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10 MS. GREGORY: I need your name?

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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14 MS. JURGENSEN: Laura.

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16 MS. GREGORY: Come spell it for me.

17 Thanks. Jerry, are you going to talk with them or -- and  
18 Jerry Berg.

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20 MR. BERG: The next proposal.....

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22 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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24 MR. BERG: .....I'll get up here.

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26 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if you  
27 could all turn to tab D as in Delta, we'll start off there.  
28 For the record, I'm Vince Matthews. I will try with  
29 assistance from Donald Mike and the representative from  
30 Eastern Interior when we get into actions that they took up  
31 last week, that I would hope we can encourage the  
32 representative from Eastern Interior to come up here to  
33 share additional information on the recommendations.

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35 Okay. For proposal -- the first proposal  
36 is Proposal, we'll just go with the 1 and 2 and forget the  
37 WP and all that. Proposal 1 and 2 is a statewide proposal.  
38 It covers everywhere across the state, and it would be to  
39 include the definitions of airborne, bait, drainage, and  
40 salvage, and then clarify the definition of aircraft. This  
41 was submitted by Eastern Interior Regional Advisory  
42 Council, and the Western Interior Regional Advisory  
43 Council. Laura will be presenting the analysis on that,  
44 and any of the staff here will be available to answer any  
45 questions as needed. Thank you.

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47 MS. JURGENSEN: Laura Jurgensen,  
48 anthropologist. This -- these two proposals again were  
49 submitted by the Eastern and Western Councils. And federal  
50 regulations did not have specific definitions for the terms

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1 salvage, or salvaging meat, of river drainage, or bait.  
2 And the also didn't have a definition for what airborne  
3 meant. And again, what we did is we looked at the State of  
4 Alaska regulations, and they have definitions for these  
5 words, did a review of what these words meant, and again  
6 the proposals are asking that the Federal Board adopt the  
7 same regulations statewide that the State Fish and Game  
8 regulations have. And this would reduce confusion, would  
9 hopefully cause little harm to, or no harm to the resources  
10 and the subsistence users. So the staff recommendation was  
11 to use these definitions.

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13 And airborne, the recommendation, that just  
14 means transported by aircraft.

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16 Bait is any material excluding a scent lure  
17 that is placed to attract an animal by its sense of smell  
18 or taste. However, those parts of legally harvested  
19 animals that are not required to be salvaged, and which are  
20 left at the kill site are not considered bait.

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22 A drainage is -- the recommendation is to  
23 define it as the area of land drained by a creek, stream or  
24 river, unless further defined in regulation. And these are  
25 often used for controlled use areas, and as you know,  
26 fishing districts.

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28 And the last one, salvage, to stop wanton  
29 waste, et cetera, the definition would be to transport the  
30 edible meat, skull or hide as required by regulation of a  
31 regulated animal to the location where the edible meat will  
32 be consumed by humans or processed for human consumption in  
33 a manner which saves or prevents the edible meat from  
34 waste, and preserves the skull or hide for human use.

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36 So that was the recommendation, and again  
37 it's the same as the state regulations, and then they would  
38 just be the same for state and federal regulations for the  
39 entire state whenever these words appear in any hunting and  
40 fishing regulations. And that is about it. If you have  
41 any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Council, do you have a  
44 question?  
45 Vince?

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47 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the next step  
48 in the proposal review would be Alaska Department of Fish  
49 and Game comments. I don't know if there's a  
50 representative here from the Alaska Department of Fish and



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1 Game?

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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

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5 MR. MATTHEWS: No? Okay. And in respect  
6 to them, I think I can summarize their comments, but  
7 realize if they do come here, they may have new comments.  
8 Okay. They submitted comments on these I think in January,  
9 I don't remember the date, so there may have been some  
10 changes. They support the adoption of this proposal,  
11 because it would align the current state and federal  
12 definitions of the words that are before you, and reduce  
13 confusion for the public. They reserve comment on the  
14 definition of airborne until one is presented for review.  
15 Now, if I remember correctly at the Eastern/Western  
16 Interior they were confident, or their reserve comment on  
17 airborne was cleared up. I don't know if others remember  
18 that, but anyway that's their comments with the Alaska  
19 Department of Fish and Game. They supported, but still may  
20 have reservation on the definition of airborne.

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22 That would bring us up to the next step,  
23 and I'm just going through this so we get the steps. All  
24 we're doing here is creating a record for you, in addition  
25 to helping you understand the proposals.

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27 The next step would be written public  
28 comments. On this proposal, none were submitted.

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30 Let's see. Then we would go into -- I  
31 think we need to share with you what the other councils  
32 did. Now, I can either give you a handout -- well, I can  
33 give you a handout and summarize it, too. It's up to you.

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35 MS. GREGORY: Both.

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37 MR. MATTHEWS: Both? Okay. And again, Mr.  
38 Fleener's here from Eastern Interior. These were just put  
39 together this past weekend, and he may want to add or  
40 subtract or whatever to these. This was a proposal, when  
41 you look at the colored sheet there, you're going to see in  
42 front of the -- where it says proposal, the letter JT. The  
43 reason I did that yesterday is so you would know which one  
44 was jointly reviewed by Eastern and Western, and which one  
45 was just by Western.

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47 So this one, Proposals 01 and 02 were  
48 jointly reviewed at the meeting on March 9th. I won't go  
49 through the movers of the motion or that, but basically the  
50 Regional Councils supported the proposals as written. They

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1 passed unanimously by both councils, and the Councils  
2 supported the proposals because defining these terms will  
3 help management and law enforcement enforce federal  
4 subsistence regulations. Inclusion of these definitions  
5 would align federal and state hunting regulations and  
6 reduce confusion. So that's the recommendation from both  
7 the Eastern and Western Interior. If you have questions  
8 about that, there's staff here, and again a representative  
9 from Eastern Interior is present.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Vince, can you just go  
16 through all of them whether they supported it or not?

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18 MR. MATTHEWS: We'll go through proposal by  
19 proposal.....

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21 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We -- yeah. (In  
22 Yup'ik)

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24 MS. GREGORY: In our agenda? Okay.

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26 MR. MATTHEWS: .....otherwise it would get  
27 too confusing.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, let me try to let  
30 the audience here try to understand what we're talking  
31 about. (In Yup'ik)

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33 INTERPRETER: These proposals, they all  
34 have identifying marks. Those are on the -- we don't have  
35 any proposals from the Lower Yukon. These proposals are of  
36 the Upper Yukon River. If there -- if you should have any  
37 members or those of us from the Lower Yukon, we can put --  
38 have our input to assist the Upper Yukon people. These  
39 proposals from the Upper Yukon, they -- and these proposals  
40 are submitted to the Lower Yukon members or people and  
41 they're given to the Federal Subsistence Advisory Council  
42 for review, and they ask that they are in favor or not, or  
43 -- these proposals are -- can affect the people in the  
44 Lower Yukon or in the Kuskokwim River in the two rivers'  
45 lower section. So he feels -- if we do feel that they're  
46 not going to benefit the Upper Yukon people, we can be in  
47 opposition to those proposals. And those of you in the  
48 audience, if you don't agree with these proposals, you can  
49 make comments relating to these proposals.

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1 MR. NICK: Any comments.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, Craig, do you  
4 have any additional comments to these proposals?

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6 MR. FLEENER: Mr. Chair, you're referring  
7 to 01 and 02, the first ones?

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: 01 and 02.

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11 MR. FLEENER: Well, Mr. Chair, the only  
12 real discussion.....

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We never get there yet.

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16 MS. GREGORY: We did already. (In Yup'ik)

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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20 MR. FLEENER: Go ahead? On 01 and 02 the  
21 only real discussion we were primarily concerned about what  
22 airborne, that we wanted to align these state and federal  
23 regulations so that it would reduce confusion. But we were  
24 primarily concerned with airborne. There was a lot of  
25 discussion about what airborne really meant, and there were  
26 people that were talking about seeing people hunting with  
27 weird airplanes and what do they call those little things?

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30 MR. MATTHEWS: Ultralights.

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32 MR. FLEENER: Ultralights. And we -- there  
33 was even discussion about somebody riding behind boat in  
34 this thing that -- it's like a parachute, and you hook a  
35 long rope to a boat, and you're way up in the air on a  
36 parachute. As the boat's going up, you're way up there,  
37 and you could spot moose with it. And so we were -- there  
38 was some concerns about people doing that. I've never seen  
39 anybody do that, but apparently somebody somewhere saw  
40 someone doing that, so we had concerns about that, and we  
41 just wanted to make sure that people would -- or that these  
42 regulations would be aligned. But other than that, I have  
43 no comments on this proposal.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Let me ask the council  
46 first, do you have a question towards Proposal 01 and 02 to  
47 Craig Fleener to that certain proposal? Council? Do you  
48 have a question?

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, he's just given me

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1 some ideas on how to spot moose.

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3 MR. FLEENER: You've got to own a parachute  
4 first with a long rope.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: He's just translating part of  
9 the -- how he follow the proposal like using the boat and a  
10 parachute combined to spot game. To some of these  
11 proposals that are on the side, border like.....

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: I'd like to move that the  
18 Yukon Delta Regional Council support Proposals 1 and 2 as  
19 written.

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21 MR. HANSON: Second.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Because there's no  
24 comments from the audience, I'll ask councils, there's a  
25 motion on the floor to support 01 and 02.

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27 MR. L. WILDE: It was seconded by --  
28 seconded.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by.....

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32 MR. L. WILDE: John Hanson.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: John Hanson.

35 Discussion?

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37 MR. CHARLES: Question. Wait.

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39 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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41 INTERPRETER: This recommendation under the  
42 proposal, it was passed. He was asking who is the regional  
43 council, this council here.

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45 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) called Western  
46 Interior, what else -- what other ones you.....

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Eastern.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Eastern Interior. (In

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1 Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: She's just explaining the  
4 composition of the council.

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6 MS. GREGORY: One more. Do we have one  
7 more up river?

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: No, just two.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Just two. There's how many  
12 RACs upriver from the Yukon?

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Interior and.....

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16 MR. FLEENER: There's just three on the  
17 Yukon.

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19 MS. GREGORY: Three on the Yukon.

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21 INTERPRETER: It's just another explanation  
22 of the composition of the council.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more discussion?

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28 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question been called  
31 for. Request for roll call.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Savage. I'll go from here.

34 Savage?

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36 MR. SAVAGE: Yes.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Lester?

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40 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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42 MS. GREGORY: John?

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44 MR. HANSON: Yeah.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Charles?

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48 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Chair?

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Here.

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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7 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MS. GREGORY: Alvin?

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Alvin?

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15 MR. OWLETUCK: Yes.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Be enough yes. One, two,  
18 three, four, five, six, seven.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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22 MS. GREGORY: Seven ayes. No no's. Okay.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Seven yes and we -- the  
25 Lower Yukon Advisory Council support that 01 and 2. The  
26 next on our agenda?

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28 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the next one  
29 would be Proposal 20 and 21, but before we introduce that  
30 proposal, I understand, Mr. Chair, you're trying to lay out  
31 how the whole process works to the audience here, and so I  
32 think at this point, Jerry can help me with this, but what  
33 happens with your recommendation is it goes to the Federal  
34 Subsistence Board. The Federal Subsistence Board, what is  
35 it, can only reject your proposal -- excuse me, reject your  
36 recommendation if it violates principles of wildlife  
37 conservation. It's bad for the moose population, bad for  
38 the caribou population or whatever the population happens  
39 to be. They can reject it if it's not based on substantial  
40 evidence, there's no data, no information showing that your  
41 recommendation should be adopted. The third thing is they  
42 can reject your recommendation if it viol- -- if it is  
43 detrimental, if it hurts subsistence uses. You're going to  
44 hear us repeat that over and over again in different ways  
45 through the analysis and through personal discussions,  
46 because we need to prepare in these documents to address  
47 those three things. So I hope that the audience  
48 understands that you have -- the Board has deference to  
49 your recommendations, and that's where your strength lies,  
50 in the fact that the Board has to show one or more of those

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1 has to be violated or broken. Okay. Any questions on  
2 that? Since I know you're using this to bring up  
3 representatives from here and other communities on the  
4 process.

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. On our next  
7 agenda, Proposal 20.

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9 MR. MATTHEWS: Right.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Originally Proposal 98-  
12 59, request a fall moose hunting season from August 20,  
13 September 15 with a harvest of one bull by state  
14 registration permit. Proposal 98-59 was deferred until the  
15 moose management plan was in place for Unit 17(A). That  
16 was to be Pete DeMatteo. Here? If he's not here, perhaps  
17 then you two could.....

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19 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Pete  
20 DeMatteo, your wildlife biologist for your team here is not  
21 here. Jerry's going to fill in on these proposals.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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25 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

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27 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As I said  
28 earlier, I'm the staff fishery biologist to your Council  
29 for Kuskokwim issues, so I'm not the expert on the Togiak  
30 moose population, but I certainly -- I did use to work in  
31 the Bristol Area, so I'm fairly familiar with the issue, so  
32 I'll try to get us through the issue.

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34 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) I need  
35 clarification here. What are we talking about?

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Proposal 20.

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39 MR. MATTHEWS: It would be on page 19 and  
40 20 in your book. And, anyway.....

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42 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you.

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44 MR. MATTHEWS: You're welcome.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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48 MR. BERG: Page 19 under tab D. Well, when  
49 Harry introduced the proposal, it did -- he did mention  
50 that this proposal was originally submitted in 1998, and so

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1 you -- this may be familiar with -- for some of you. This  
2 proposal does address the moose population in Unit 17(A),  
3 so quite a ways south of here. Proposal 20 was submitted  
4 by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge to harvest one bull  
5 during that fall season, August 20th to September 15th.

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7 There was also a proposal submitted by Gary  
8 Carlos from Togiak, and he also asked for the fall moose  
9 hunt. In addition to that, he also asked for a winter  
10 moose hunt for one antlered bull December 1 to December 31.  
11 So both of those proposal are together under this analysis  
12 since it's the same issue.

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14 Currently the custom -- the current  
15 customary and traditional use determination for Unit 17  
16 would include residents of Unit 17, and Goodnews Bay and  
17 Platinum, and that's why that proposal is before you,  
18 because the residents of Goodnews and Platinum are in your  
19 region, so that's why we're asking for your recommendation  
20 on this proposal.

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22 The moose population in Unit 17(A) was very  
23 low back in the 1980s and 1990s. They did surveys and came  
24 up with, you know, ten to 20 moose on their annual count,  
25 and it has grown -- it's slowly grown to a population of  
26 around four to 500 animals in recent years, so it's really  
27 -- they're really -- the population is doing very well, and  
28 they're trying to build that population up.

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30 And the Togiak Refuge has written a draft  
31 moose management plan to try to come up with a means of  
32 managing that population and building it up to a good  
33 stable population. That draft management plan has been  
34 approved by the Bristol Bay Regional Council, similar to  
35 your council in the Bristol Bay area, and also the Nushagak  
36 Fish and Game Advisory Committee. That draft plan has not  
37 yet been approved by the Togiak Fish and Game Advisory  
38 Committee, so they're still working on trying to get the  
39 details of that draft management plan in place, but most --  
40 the two groups down there have approved the plan.

41  
42 The plan does include a parameter that  
43 basically says that they would like to get at least 600  
44 moose in the area before they open up a winter moose hunt,  
45 so that's where there's some discussion that needs to occur  
46 about the winter moose hunt is some people want to let the  
47 herd get larger before they harvest any moose, and some  
48 people would like to go ahead and start hunting them now,  
49 which is why we have the two proposals.

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1                   The staff biologist, Pete -- or Dave Fisher  
2 who wrote this proposal, I think some of you know Dave, he  
3 used to be the staff wildlife biologist for your region, he  
4 did have concerns based on the moose population, that if  
5 they do have a winter harvest, that there is a potential  
6 for overharvest of the moose population down there.

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8                   So that's basically the issue. The Federal  
9 Board did address this issue last year. They deferred it  
10 once, and then they did make a recommendation based on the  
11 Bristol Bay Regional Council's recommendation to not have a  
12 winter hunt last year until they reach that 600 moose  
13 population level.

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15                   So the preliminary staff conclusion was to  
16 support the fall moose season from -- what were those dates  
17 again, August 20th to September 15th, but to oppose the  
18 second portion, the winter moose season from December 1 to  
19 December 31st. So that's all I have. If you have any  
20 questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

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22                   MR. L. WILDE: Wasn't it -- didn't it also  
23 state that there would be a total of approximately ten  
24 animals from that? Was that the -- up to ten?

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26                   MR. BERG: For the winter season, correct.

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28                   MR. L. WILDE: For the winter season?

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30                   MR. BERG: Yes.

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32                   MR. L. WILDE: And history showed that  
33 during the fall season in the past that there was  
34 approximately ten animals taken from that herd?

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36                   MR. BERG: Yes, in the.....

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38                   MR. L. WILDE: Is that correct?

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40                   MR. BERG: .....in the recent hunts,  
41 they've had hunts I think for three years now, yes, and  
42 that's about the harvest level that's occurred is about 10  
43 animals.

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45                   MR. L. WILDE: Okay.

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47                   MR. OWLETUCK: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
48 question, too. Is that -- the population growth in that  
49 area, that district there, are there many people that if we  
50 go ahead and open them now, they'd just wipe them out, if

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1 we had the winter? What's the population?

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3 MR. BERG: Well, the population counts that  
4 they did this year came out to 420 animals. The population  
5 count they did the previous year was about 500 animals, and  
6 so it seems like they've lost a few animals there, and  
7 there's some reasons in here why they think that the  
8 numbers went down. But they do -- you know, they have  
9 issued about 60 to 70 permits the last few years, and  
10 they've harvested about ten animals as Lester was saying.

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12 MR. L. WILDE: Didn't they also state that  
13 there was -- the percentage of male opposed to female in  
14 there was something like 65 or 45 to 65 percent female?

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16 MR. BERG: On the population counts?

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah.

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20 MR. BERG: Yeah, it was -- they had -- I  
21 believe they had -- the 1999 count had 66 -- well, that's  
22 calves per cows, I'm sorry. Yeah, I can't find it right  
23 now. Anyway.....

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, there was a mention  
26 about it anyway in this -- there was the bull ratio some  
27 years was lower than the cow ratio, which was ideal, but  
28 then there's some years where the bull ratio was up as  
29 opposed to cow ratio.

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31 MR. BERG: Yeah.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: So that's just it mentioned  
34 in there, but.....

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36 MR. BERG: Yeah, I'm not real sure on those  
37 numbers. I'm not that familiar with it, but I -- it is  
38 seen as, you know, the population is growing very fast and  
39 they're very pleased with the results, and they want to  
40 wait until the numbers get a little bit larger before they  
41 open up a winter hunt is the main concern I know that they  
42 have.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: Uh-huh. Do we have anything  
45 from Fish and Wildlife? Department of -- the Department  
46 then? Not -- Fish and Game?

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48 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I don't know  
49 if there's anybody here from Fish and Game, but we do have  
50 comments.....

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1 MR. BERG: We have written comments.

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3 MR. MATTHEWS: .....that were submitted in  
4 January on Proposal 20 and 21. So it would be up to the --  
5 we can share those with you on both the proposals if you'd  
6 like at this time.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Twenty and 21?

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10 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. Okay. Alaska  
11 Department of Fish and Game supports Proposal 20. This  
12 proposal would establish a federal moose season in 17(A)  
13 that mirrors the current state season. The Department  
14 supports use of the state registration permit for this  
15 hunt, providing that federal regulations mirror the  
16 corresponding state regulation.

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18 For Proposal 21, they do not support it,  
19 Proposal 21. Consistent with our position on previous  
20 proposals to establish a winter moose season in 17(A), the  
21 Department supports provisions of the moose management plan  
22 for this area which stipulate that a winter season should  
23 be opened only after the moose population in the area  
24 reaches 600 animals. The moose survey is planned in late  
25 winter in Unit 17(A) and should provide updated population  
26 data for presentation to the Federal Board at its spring  
27 meeting. And that's the comments as submitted from Fish  
28 and Game.

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30 There were no written comments provided on  
31 this proposal.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike?

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35 MR. RIORDEN: Mr. Chairman, another good  
36 reason to be very concerned with this Togiak herd is that  
37 there are indications that a lot of those animals are  
38 moving also into Unit 18, and right now we're attempting to  
39 rebuild that population of moose in Unit 18. Quite a few  
40 of the collared animals from the Togiak study have moved  
41 over into the Kwethluk and even down toward Quinhagak, into  
42 that area, so we look at that as a population that is  
43 contributing to the rebuilding plan on the Kuskokwim as  
44 well as providing a good moose population for Togiak.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Thank you, Mike.

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48 MR. SAVAGE: Harry?

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah?

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage. I was concerned  
2 about sports hunting in the Togiak area. Does sports  
3 hunters go in and take harvest from that herd, too?

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5 MR. BERG: Boy, I'm not sure, Mike if they  
6 allow sport hunting in there or not. I know that they  
7 issue permits to hunt in that area, and they have to go to  
8 Dillingham or Togiak to get the permit. Under our  
9 regulation, of course, you could not do any -- sport  
10 hunters would not be allowed, but under the state  
11 permitting system, I'm not sure.

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13 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Let me ask our audience  
16 if they have any comments on Proposal 21 before the Council  
17 deliberate this. I think -- (In Yup'ik)

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19 INTERPRETER: Twenty and 21 proposals are  
20 drafted by the Upper Yukon people. These proposals, they  
21 are not from the Lower Yukon residents. But these  
22 proposals affect our -- affect the Lower Yukon people, and  
23 therefore on the Yukon-Kuskokwim residents in the lower  
24 section of them, should or should not in favor or not.  
25 Those of you who are sitting in the audience here,  
26 sometimes they expect to hear comments, the Board expect to  
27 hear comments from the audience relating to these proposals  
28 that affect the Lower Yukon and the Lower Kuskokwim  
29 residents. So if you should have any concern about a  
30 certain proposal, you are therefore encouraged to comment.  
31 If you have no comment to offer towards any of the  
32 proposals, these proposals -- this Council will therefore  
33 take them.

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35 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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37 INTERPRETER: Will this -- will these  
38 proposals benefit the Lower Yukon people or.....

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40 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, it just deals with  
41 Unit 17(A).

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43 INTERPRETER: What about for those of us on  
44 the Lower Yukon?

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46 MR. L. WILDE: You're taken care of  
47 already.

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49 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Quyana.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Action from the Council  
2 here? (In Yup'ik) That Number 20.

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4 MR. ALTUK: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Okay. Go ahead.

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8 MR. ALTUK: Yeah, Alvin Altuk (ph) (In  
9 Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: Oh, yeah, okay. How is it  
12 now? I forgot, I wasn't wearing the transmitter.

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14 Whenever the proposals are directed to  
15 close our subsistence areas, so -- and the people of upper  
16 sections of the two Yukon -- three Yukons need our support  
17 at times just like us. They do deserve edible meat.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Council?

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21 MR. HANSON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, I move to  
22 adopt Proposal 20 and oppose Proposal 21.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Let's take it a  
25 proposal at a time. There's a motion on the floor to adopt  
26 Proposal 20.

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28 MR. L. WILDE: I'll second it.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by Proposal.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Proposal Wilde.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by Lester.  
35 Discussion. Any discussion?

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37 MR. OWLETUCK: Question.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question has been  
40 called for. Mary?

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42 MS. GREGORY: Right.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: You don't have to  
45 hurry, just we.....

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47 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde?

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mike Savage?

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3 MR. SAVAGE: Yes.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Myself. Lester?

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7 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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9 MS. GREGORY: James Charles?

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11 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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13 MS. GREGORY: John Hanson?

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15 MR. HANSON: Yeah.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Alvin Owletuck?

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19 MR. OWLETUCK: Yeah.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Proposal 20, okay.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) One, two, three,  
26 four, five, six, seven.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Proposal 20. All  
29 those favor.....

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31 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: It's approved by the  
34 Council on Proposal 20. Before we get into Proposal 21,  
35 let me recognize Joseph Mike. Joseph Mike is the Kotlik  
36 Traditional Council president, so over here, over there.  
37 You guys could see him. And also we do have a  
38 representative from Bill Moore Slough. Will you stand up  
39 and say your name? Bill Moore's Slough Elder Conference --  
40 Council.

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42 MR. BENDER: Geof Bender, (indiscernible).

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44 MS. GREGORY: We can't hear you.

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46 MR. BENDER: My name's Geof Bender, and  
47 (indiscernible).

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49 MS. GREGORY: Bender for Bill Moore.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Anyone here also?  
2 Representing anybody here? Yeah. Yeah, those are the.....

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
5 recognize an elder lady here.....

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7 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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9 MR. L. WILDE: .....and Mr. Aluktruk (ph)  
10 over there.

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12 MR. OKITKUN: Mr. Chairman, I'm Jack, Jr.,  
13 the City Manager.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Jack, Jr., City  
16 Manager. We're glad to have you.

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18 MS. GREGORY: What's your last name, Jack?

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20 MR. OKITKUN: Okitkun.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okitkun. Yeah.

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24 MR. ELACHUK: Peter Elachuk (ph), Kotlik  
25 People's Co-op.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Corporation,  
28 representing.....

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30 MS. GREGORY: Representing who?

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32 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: .....corporation.

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34 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible)

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36 MR. ELACHUK: (In Yup'ik) Co-op.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Co-op?

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40 MR. ELACHUK: Co-op.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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44 MR. ELACHUK: Fisherman co-op.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Co-op?

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48 MR. ELACHUK: Co-op. Yeah, fisherman co-  
49 op.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Last name (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. ELACHUK: Elachuk.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Elachuk.

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7 MS. GREGORY: Elachuk, okay.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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11 MS. GREGORY: Fishermen's co-op.

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13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Glad to  
16 have you. Okay. Now we go into Proposal 21. After  
17 Proposal 21 we're going to have a ten-minute break. Okay?

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19 MR. OWLETUCK: Uh-huh. Good idea.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. Vince?

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23 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We  
24 already gave background on 21. It's before you. Basically  
25 it's looking at a winter season, if I understood it  
26 correctly, so if there's any questions for Jerry or other  
27 staff, this would be a good time to talk about the winter  
28 -- proposal for winter season in 17(A).

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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32 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Lester?

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34 MR. L. WILDE: I think since that herd is  
35 being in the process of being rebuilding in that area, I  
36 think since we've had the same situation on the Lower Yukon  
37 some years back where we had to have a moratorium to build  
38 up our area, and we weren't able to hunt moose, and you  
39 could see the population explosion in the last few years, I  
40 think it would be a good idea for them guys to wait until  
41 such time that their herd has grown large enough so they  
42 can get the -- have that winter season. It would be for  
43 their protection if we approved it I think.

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45 MR. OWLETUCK: Mr. Chairman, I've got a  
46 question.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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50 MR. OWLETUCK: Okay. These -- the guy that



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1 prepared that, if we didn't the winter, they have another  
2 district to go to, right, for a winter hunt?

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4 MR. BERG: If it's not open?

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6 MR. OWLETUCK: Yeah. If we didn't pass it  
7 or.....

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9 MR. BERG: I'm not sure that they would  
10 have another district. There are the Mulchatna Caribou  
11 Herd and the Nushagak Caribou Herd in that area, so they  
12 would have hunting opportunities for caribou, and I'm not  
13 sure how far they would have to go for a winter moose hunt.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Go ahead.

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17 MR. HANSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On  
18 Proposal 21 that have a -- in the back end of it, page 26,  
19 that's where the Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Council  
20 didn't want the winter hunt until they get 600 moose. I  
21 guess right now they have less than 500.

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23 MR. BERG: Yeah, 400 this year, 422 I think  
24 was what they counted this year.

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26 MR. HANSON: So the recommendation, Bristol  
27 Bay Subsistence Advisory Council, or Regional Council,  
28 recommendation was not to have a winter hunt. (In Yup'ik)

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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32 MR. MATTHEWS: Harry, John. John, the  
33 wording on page 27, and that's a staff recommendation.  
34 That is not a regional council recommendation. But it's  
35 still -- what you said is true, but it's not a regional  
36 council recommendation. That's staff when they analyzed  
37 all the material.

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39 MS. GREGORY: But it does state, Mr.  
40 Matthews, it does state.....

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42 MR. BERG: He's talking about the RFR over  
43 here.

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45 MR. MATTHEWS: Oh, you're talking about the  
46 RFR? Okay. I'm sorry. Sorry. Disregard. I was looking  
47 at something else.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: What is the staff  
50 recommendation?

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1 MR. MATTHEWS: The staff recommendation  
2 would be to oppose the winter hunt until the.....

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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman?

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary?

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8 MS. GREGORY: I move that we oppose  
9 Proposal 21.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: There's a motion on the  
12 floor to oppose 21.

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14 MR. CHARLES: I'd second the motion.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by James  
17 Charles. Carl?

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19 MR. JACK: The Bristol Bay as I recall went  
20 on record in not supporting the winter hunt, but to defer  
21 to that working group, and I got a call from Peter Abraham  
22 before I left that they're looking to have a meeting on I  
23 think it's the 28th in Togiak, so there's -- they want that  
24 working group to work it out before they endorse the  
25 proposal.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more discussion?

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29 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: The question's been  
32 called for. Roll call?

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34 (Whispered conversation)

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36 MS. GREGORY: Proposal -- what do you want  
37 me to do? Roll call?

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. NICK: Vince? Mr. Chairman, I just  
42 wanted clarification. I don't think there's -- I don't  
43 think it's necessary to vote on a roll call I guess.

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45 MR. MATTHEWS: No, you're correct. Roll  
46 calls are generally used when the Chair anticipates that  
47 there may be not a unanimous vote, that he or she would  
48 like to know, be clear on the record who voted for or  
49 against. But if there appears to be consent, then you can  
50 use the -- just, you know, all those in favor say aye, all

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1 those oppose use the same sign. That is an option to you,  
2 which might help your secretary out.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. We could have  
5 it, but make sure that we approve especially proposals, you  
6 know. We've been doing this that way, that I always want  
7 to make sure that not one be the blame for this and that,  
8 and make sure the whole council will act on it. That's a  
9 habit of mine doing it.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Do it the way you're used  
12 to, because you're the chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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16 MS. GREGORY: You're the chairman. You  
17 can.....

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19 MR. L. WILDE: You can operate any way,  
20 yeah.

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22 MS. GREGORY: .....do whatever you want.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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26 MR. BERG: Yeah. Just -- Mr. Chairman,  
27 just for clarification on the motion, the staff  
28 recommendation was just to oppose the winter portion of  
29 that proposal, because they did.....

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31 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, that's what we mean by  
32 our motion, too.

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34 MR. BERG: Okay. Good. Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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38 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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42 MR. MATTHEWS: So then the record reflects  
43 that you're just opposing the winter hunt of Proposal 21.  
44 That's what we've been discussing.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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48 MS. GREGORY: That's what it is.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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1 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Thank you. And  
2 everyone's aware of that.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more discussion?

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6 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question been called  
9 for. Roll call.

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11 MS. GREGORY: This is proposal 21.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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15 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde?

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17 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yes.

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19 MS. GREGORY: John Hanson?

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21 MR. HANSON: Yeah.

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23 MS. GREGORY: James Charles?

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25 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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27 MS. GREGORY: Alvin Owletuck?

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29 MR. OWLETUCK: Yeah.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Mike Savage?

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33 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah.

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35 MS. GREGORY: Myself, yes. Lester Wilde?

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37 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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39 MS. GREGORY: Seven for, zero against.

40 Okay.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: This certain proposal  
43 is deleted. Against. Okay. Next to -- let's go to the  
44 next proposal, 24, delete permit requirements.

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46 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's  
47 found on page -- starting on page 32. Laura will be  
48 presenting that analysis for Proposal 24, which deals with  
49 brown bear in Unit 19.

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1 MS. JURGENSEN: Yes. Laura Jurgensen,  
2 Office of Subsistence Management. This proposal was  
3 submitted by the Western Interior, excuse me, Regional  
4 Advisory Council, and it's on page 34 of your books it  
5 starts. And they sought to partially align the subsistence  
6 regulations for the harvesting of brown bear in Units 19(A)  
7 and 19(B). Current federal restrictions are more  
8 restrictive than the State restrictions, so this was a  
9 proposal.....

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Laura, could you please,  
12 just for my clarification, tell me where Unit 19(A)?  
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14 MS. JURGENSEN: Okay. Unit 19(A) is, let's  
15 see, right up -- where's the map?  
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17 MR. MATTHEWS: It would be right on  
18 Kuskokwim River. 19(A) -- you should have a map that.....  
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20 MR. SAVAGE: That would be.....  
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22 MR. L. WILDE: Right adjacent to 18?  
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24 MS. JURGENSEN: Yeah, adjacent.....  
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26 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. Up the Kuskokwim River  
27 though.  
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29 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: From.....  
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31 MR. SAVAGE: It starts from Kalskag on up.  
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33 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, okay.  
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35 MR. NICK: From Lower Kalskag on up.  
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37 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, from here on up.  
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39 MS. JURGENSEN: From here on up, yeah.  
40 It's broken.....  
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42 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. Up the Innoko  
43 National Wildlife Refuge?  
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45 MR. SAVAGE: They're between Upper and  
46 Lower Kalskag.  
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48 MR. L. WILDE: Okay.  
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50 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, Unit 19(A)

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1 boundary is beginning from upriver from Lower Kalskag.

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3 MR. SAVAGE: Between Upper and Lower  
4 Kalskag.

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6 MR. NICK: Okay. Between Upper and Lower  
7 Kalskag. It begins from there.

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9 MS. JURGENSEN: All of you in Unit 18 have  
10 customary and traditional use to harvest brown bear in  
11 those units as -- along with residents of Tuluksak and  
12 Lower Kalskag. And again the brown bear population is  
13 apparently low to moderate in this area. Yes. And again  
14 the proposal seeks to align the federal up with the state,  
15 and what it would do is it would make it legal to take in  
16 19(A) and 19(B) one bear every year instead of one bear  
17 every four years. And so that would make -- there would be  
18 more potential to harvest brown bear, and this was also  
19 submitted in hopes of reducing defense of life and property  
20 kills. Apparently there's been a lot of reported incidents  
21 with brown bear in fish camps, et cetera. So the staff  
22 recommendation is to support this change and line it up,  
23 and also it would increase the season limit in the fall by  
24 seven days. And again it partially lines up with the state  
25 regulations, and then would hopefully reduce confusion.  
26 There isn't expected to be any negative consequences,  
27 because again the harvest of brown bears is low, and from  
28 reports of local people, that there are many brown bears  
29 around. And so, again, we -- the staff recommendation is  
30 to support the proposal as written. Thank you.

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32 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the next.....

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince.

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36 MR. MATTHEWS: .....step in the review  
37 would be Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments. You  
38 see them on page 41. They support the proposal with  
39 modification. Adoption of this proposal would align state  
40 and federal brown bear seasons in units 19(A), 19(B), and  
41 19(D), and provide additional hunter opportunity to the  
42 subsistence users on the federal side by increasing the bag  
43 limit from one bear every four years to one bear per year  
44 in those portions of 19(A) and 19(B) lying outside the  
45 Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area. So they support  
46 aligning the seasons.

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48 However, the proposal as written appears to  
49 remove the brown bear harvest reporting requirements for  
50 federally qualified subsistence users. This information is

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1 essential for monitoring and managing the brown bear  
2 population, especially given the significant increase in  
3 bag limit being proposed for large parts of 19(A) and  
4 19(B). The Department recommends this proposal be amended  
5 to either clarify the existing reporting requirements, or  
6 to establish reporting requirements consistent with those  
7 in place for other brown bear hunts.

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9 So they support the proposal with  
10 modification to address the permit. And Laura may have  
11 additional information on that.

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13 MS. JURGENSEN: Yes, they -- that was -- I  
14 clarified that with the proponents, again with the Western  
15 Interior Regional Council Chair that they never intended to  
16 delete the free state permit requirement. So the permit  
17 requirement is still on there. So again we assume the  
18 state would support this without modification, because  
19 there was never an intention to delete that permit  
20 requirement. Thank you.

21  
22 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman?

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yes?

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26 MS. JURGENSEN: There's also a map on page  
27 48 that sort of shows it. I'm sorry, there's -- there was  
28 an incor -- there's not a map in the book for 24, but it  
29 shows where the units 19(A) and 19(B) are.

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31 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. The Western Interior  
32 Regional Council in its meeting on March 9th took up  
33 Proposal 24, and as Laura has said, they supported it as  
34 written, making it clear that the permit requirement would  
35 remain in there. So the regional council, Western Interior  
36 Regional Council, excuse me, supports actions to reduce  
37 confusion between state and federal regulations, and that  
38 provide additional subsistence opportunity for federally  
39 qualified subsistence use. So your neighboring council  
40 upriver supports Proposal 24.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Council action? James?

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44 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, I move to  
45 support Proposal 24.

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47 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: There's a motion on the  
48 floor to.....

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50 MR. SAVAGE: I second.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second?

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3 MR. SAVAGE: Second by me.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by Mike Savage  
6 to support proposal 24. Discussion?

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8 MR. HANSON: Question.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question been called  
11 for. All who favor say aye.

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13 IN UNISON: Aye.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Oppose, same sign.

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17 (No opposing votes.)

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Motion carried.

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21 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the motion  
22 that just passed, that did include the -- maintaining the  
23 permit requirements, correct? Yes, let the record reflect  
24 that.....

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26 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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28 MR. MATTHEWS: .....the council members are  
29 saying that they agree that the permit requirements for  
30 management needs would remain. Thank you.

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32 Mr. Chairman, the next proposal is Proposal  
33 26 if you want to go into that. You talked about a break  
34 earlier. We don't want to.....

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36 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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38 MR. MATTHEWS: We don't want to forget  
39 those.

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41 MS. GREGORY: Support, please.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think we're going to  
44 have five minutes break.

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46 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay. Ten  
49 minutes break.

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1 (Off record)

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3 (On record)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. Next on our  
6 agenda, Proposal 26, eliminate the evidence of sex for  
7 moose in Unit 19, 21 and 24.

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9 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Again, Jerry  
10 Berg with the Office of Subsistence Management, and I'll go  
11 ahead and present that information for Proposal 26 since  
12 Pete DeMatteo was not able to make it today.

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14 As Chairman Wilde already said, it was  
15 submitted by the Western Interior Regional Council, and  
16 it's to eliminate the requirement that portions of external  
17 sex organs remain attached to a carcass to provide evidence  
18 of sex for moose in Units 19, 21 and 24. So the upper  
19 Kuskokwim area, and then the upper portions of the Yukon.

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21 Residents of the Western Interior Region  
22 have expressed a concern that proof of sex regulations  
23 conflict with their cultural beliefs. Traditional  
24 Athapaskan hunting practices include specifically removing  
25 external sex organs of a harvested moose prior to  
26 transporting the meat from the kill site. Allowing the  
27 possession of a head as an option or an alternative to  
28 external sex organs would allow for a cultural -- would  
29 allow for the cultural practice, and would provide a means  
30 of enforcement at the same time.

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32 The people that this would be affecting,  
33 the current customary and traditional use determinations  
34 for Units -- you can find this on page 47 as the current  
35 customary and traditional determinations, and it's fairly  
36 lengthy, but primarily for the people in your region, in  
37 Units 19(A) and 19(B), all residents of Unit 18 upstream  
38 from and including the Johnson River have c&t for moose in  
39 Units 19(A) and 19(B). And then in Unit 19(B), west of the  
40 Kogruklu River, residents of Eek and Quinhagak have c&t  
41 use determinations for moose in that area. In Unit 19(C),  
42 residents of Unit 19 have c&t. And then it goes on for the  
43 other areas, but those are primarily out of your region.

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45 Adoption of this proposal would provide an  
46 alternative that would accommodate customary and  
47 traditional practices, while providing a reasonable method  
48 for enforcement. It would require the subsistence user --  
49 it would require the subsistence user to be knowledgeable  
50 of jurisdictional boundaries when harvesting and

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1 transporting moose, because the state regulation does not  
2 -- would not allow for the use of transporting the head as  
3 an alternative means rather than leaving the sex organs  
4 attached. And so it would create a difference between  
5 state and federal regulation, and so it would require that  
6 the subsistence user be knowledgeable of where the state  
7 and federal boundaries were.

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9 Last week in Fairbanks at the Western  
10 Interior Council meeting, there was a state Fish and  
11 Wildlife Trooper that testified on behalf of this proposal,  
12 and he felt that it would be a problem, that -- and that  
13 they would cite people that only had the head and not the  
14 sex organs attached if they were found on state lands with  
15 the moose.

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17 The preliminary staff recommendation would  
18 be to modify the proposal to allow the substitution of a  
19 moose head as an alternative to the existing requirement of  
20 evidence of sex. So the staff recommendation is to  
21 allow.....

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23 MR. L. WILDE: Could you say that again?

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25 MR. BERG: The staff recommendation is to  
26 allow the substitution of a moose head as an alternative to  
27 the existing requirement of evidence of sex, so.....

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29 MR. L. WILDE: Okay.

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31 MR. BERG: .....so you -- so basically you  
32 could either bring the head out with you, or leave portions  
33 of the sex organs attached. So you could do either one,  
34 recognizing that many people like to use the moose head so  
35 they take it out with them anyway, and so there's no reason  
36 for them to have to leave the sex organs attached if they  
37 were to bring the head out as an alternative.

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39 And -- but as I said, the proposed changes  
40 in federal regulations will require the subsistence user to  
41 be knowledgeable of jurisdictional boundaries, because of  
42 the differences between state and federal regulations.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike Savage.

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46 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I don't  
47 kind of agree with this proposal, because the way I was  
48 taught was to clean the meat out really good, you know, the  
49 intestines really good from the moose. And that pee or  
50 whatever sex organ may damage the food. Otherwise, you

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1 know, I just don't support this proposal at all.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Audience, is there any  
4 discussion or question? (In Yup'ik) I think, Carl, if you  
5 could explain what it is, you can (In Yup'ik). We should  
6 turn that table this way a little bit so the people could  
7 hear you better over there. Just a little bit angle it  
8 over. Made you spill there.

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10 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: This particular proposal,  
13 Number 26.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, 26.

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17 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik)

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19 INTERPRETER: In the region, the Western  
20 Interior Advisory Council. He -- the young man, he pointed  
21 out he's from -- a member of that Western Interior Council.  
22 Whenever they harvest, external sex (In Yup'ik). The  
23 enforcement officers would like to retain that, but this  
24 particular proposal for a -- more for a change. When --  
25 where the external organs are left behind, the heads could  
26 be utilized to identify certain animals. These Western  
27 Interior group, they modify this for their proposal. What  
28 the -- even the Enforcement Division wanted this way or  
29 that way, but the Western Interior Advisory Council opposed  
30 that.

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32 (Outside machinery)

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34 MR. FLEENER: Do you want me to holler?

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36 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: No, we need translator.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. FLEENER: Thank you, Mis.....

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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46 MR. FLEENER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm  
47 actually with the Eastern Interior, but.....

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49 MR. JACK: Oh, Eastern, sorry.

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1 MR. FLEENER: That's all right. No big  
2 deal. We don't like to have to leave the sex organ  
3 attached to the meat either. We don't like it. It's an  
4 offense to most people up there, and we don't do it. We  
5 always cut it off and throw it away and just bring the meat  
6 back. And so we want to change this proposal to get -- or  
7 to change the regulation to get rid of that requirement.  
8 And so what -- and that was the proposal at first. But  
9 what we did is we changed it. We modified it, or we  
10 actually went with the staff recommendation which allowed  
11 us to bring out either the head of the sex organ. And so  
12 we all bring our -- the moose head back with us when we go  
13 hunting. Everybody eats moose head, and so since we always  
14 bring it back, you can identify the -- you know, whether  
15 it's a bull or a cow from the head.

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17 The Fish and Wildlife Protection and the  
18 state whatever people didn't like the idea, because they  
19 said you could use a different head and attach it to a  
20 different moose, but we don't know how you can do that, you  
21 know, and who would want to bring a moose head out in the  
22 woods with them, and then have to haul it back again,  
23 so.....

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25 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman?

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27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike.

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29 MR. SAVAGE: I misunderstood it, and now  
30 I've got it.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. I think we don't  
33 go moose hunting Paimiut area. They got a place there that  
34 you could check in/check out moose. They don't ask for no  
35 other -- they just -- we bring the moose head over, they  
36 measure the horns, they take a tooth out and all that. But  
37 we don't exactly take that stuff, what they ask for. The  
38 reason is that it spoil the meat. Later on it's -- right  
39 away soak it if you want. But if you keep it for a while,  
40 you could start smelling the meat. So what's the Council  
41 action would be? Go ahead.

42  
43 MR. MATTHEWS: Just for the record, Fish  
44 and Game did submit written comments on this, and as Craig  
45 has said, they do not support it, especially the areas  
46 where harvest, moose harvest is limited to bulls only, it  
47 would be difficult to identify what was harvested.  
48 Maintaining the current evidence of sex requirement is felt  
49 to ensure that large trophy bulls are not harvested for  
50 antlers without meat being salvaged. Thus modifying the

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1 evidence of sex requirement in these three units may  
2 greatly complicate the regulations. In order for the  
3 public to fully understand the effects of this proposal, we  
4 recommend that staff analysis indicate how the current  
5 regulations have changed, and in what areas the proposal  
6 would apply if adopted.

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8 There was also written public comment. OH,  
9 I'm unplugged. I'll hold. There was also written public  
10 comments that just didn't get into your book, and out of  
11 respect to Department of Public Safety, State of Alaska,  
12 I'll try to summarize their letter, but if people would  
13 like to read the whole letter, it's present here. This is  
14 from Colonel Joel L. Hard to Mitch Demientieff, Chair,  
15 January 10th, 2001.

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17 The State of Alaska, Division of Fish and  
18 Wildlife Protection is reaffirming its position concerning  
19 a proposal that minimizes the evidence of sex requirement  
20 in three Interior game management units. The Division is  
21 strongly opposed to the inclusion of Game Management Units  
22 19, 21 and 24 to the current regulation that allows either  
23 the sex organs or the head with or without antlers attached  
24 to the full -- to fulfill evidence of sex requirement.

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26 As we stated last year in opposition, this  
27 requirement is in current state regulations, and has been  
28 since statehood. The state regulation has withstood the  
29 test of time and continues to be a very important  
30 enforcement tool. Retaining the evidence of sex naturally  
31 attached is a reasonable requirement that is well  
32 understood by hunters, and is the only definitive means to  
33 determine the sex of the animal in all situations. This  
34 regulation provides for an important enforcement tool that  
35 is used to detect and deter illegal hunting activity that  
36 in many cases can have an adverse impact on ungulate  
37 populations.

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39 Additionally, since transportation will  
40 occur on other than federal lands, creating an evidence of  
41 sex standard that differs from state regulation will  
42 complicate this relatively simply -- simple issue.  
43 Difficult regulations frustrate the public and law  
44 enforcement as well. I urge you to retain the evidence of  
45 sex requirement that is currently in federal regulations.

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47 So that's the letter that was submitted by  
48 the State Department of Public Safety by Colonel Hard. And  
49 again as already noted that, I can't remember the  
50 sergeant's name, who was also at the meeting, along with

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1 law enforcement from Fish and Wildlife Service when Eastern  
2 and Western Interior discussed this proposal. So that's a  
3 summary of comments.

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5 MR. FLEENER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Craig  
6 Fleener. I talked with this sergeant at the -- that was a  
7 Trooper or whatever he was, and I asked him how many people  
8 they actually have gotten in trouble for taking the wrong  
9 moose in all three of these areas, and I think he's -- I  
10 don't remember the number, but I was -- I think it was like  
11 four or five, so even if you look at this gigantic area,  
12 Unit 19, 21 and 24, they've only arrested four people. So  
13 this law really, you know, in years that's all they've  
14 arrested, so it really hasn't amounted to much in the way  
15 of protection, and so I sort of didn't think that it was  
16 that important if there's -- if they're not really doing  
17 much enforcement with it, so -- thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: The Chair asked the  
28 gentleman over here to say how he feels about the  
29 requirement of either sex organs or the head, how he feels  
30 about which way. So he told them that they're messing up  
31 hunting in this region.

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33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Council action?

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I move that

36 we.....

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Lester.

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40 MR. L. WILDE: .....support 26.

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42 MR. HANSON: Second.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Support 26.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: There's a motion on the  
49 floor.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: John Hanson.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: .....to support 26. If  
4 there's any second to the motion?

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6 MS. GREGORY: To support.

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8 MR. OWLETUCK: Second.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Alvin Owletuck second  
11 it.

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13 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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17 MS. GREGORY: 26. Discussion?

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Discussion?

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21 MR. HANSON: Question.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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25 MR. MATTHEWS: Maybe Carl.....

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27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Carl?

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29 MR. JACK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Carl Jack.

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(In Yup'ik)

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32 INTERPRETER: With respect to the proposal,  
33 make no additions or corrects or modifications, but so.....

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. -- clarify my -- can I  
36 clarify my motion?

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, okay. Go ahead,  
39 Lester.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: The motion I would like to  
42 make is that either or be kept, depending on the hunter.  
43 Depending on the person that catches that moose, either the  
44 sex organ or the head be kept as evidence.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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48 MR. MATTHEWS: Does the second understand  
49 the clarification? The second I think was Alvin. Do you  
50 understand.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: No, it was Mr. Hanson.

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3 MR. MATTHEWS: Oh, it was Mr. Hanson, I'm  
4 sorry. Does John understand the effect of.....

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6 MR. HANSON: (No audible answer)

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8 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Sorry.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more discussion?

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12 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman?

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary?

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16 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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20 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: If the motion is passed -- if  
23 the motion stands as it is, it wouldn't -- it isn't  
24 correctly clarified which direction.

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26 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Ee-ee.

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28 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) What was your  
29 recommendation, not to.....

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31 MR. FLEENER: Yes, Mr. Chair, if the motion  
32 stands as Lester made it, it would agree with what we did,  
33 the decision we made.

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35 MR. MATTHEWS: Right.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Either.....

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39 MR. FLEENER: So basically he's requiring  
40 either or, which is.....

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42 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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44 MR. FLEENER: .....what our recommendation  
45 was.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more discussion?

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1 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Is that proposal male  
2 and female?

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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6 INTERPRETER: (In Yup'ik) Oh, okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more discussion?

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10 MR. L. WILDE: If we're not confused  
11 enough, we might as well get more confused.

12  
13 MR. OWLETUCK: Question.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question's been called  
16 for. All who favor to the motion say aye.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Opposed, say no.

21  
22 (No opposing votes.)

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Motion carry. Okay.  
25 Next on our proposal is Proposal 29. Establish an Innoko  
26 NWR Controlled Use Area for moose in Unit 21.

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28 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, because  
29 Pete couldn't make the meeting, your wildlife biologist,  
30 I'll be doing Proposal 29, which is found on page 55, 56,  
31 57 and additional pages. Proposal 29 was submitted by  
32 Henry Deacon of Grayling. It requests to close the Innoko  
33 National Wildlife Refuge to the use of aircraft for moose  
34 hunting. The original request would essentially create a  
35 new controlled use area, probably called the Innoko  
36 Controlled Use Area, to include all federal lands in Unit  
37 21(A) and 21(E) within the refuge. As you've known over  
38 the years, the residents of Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and  
39 Holy Cross have expressed concerns of increased hunting  
40 pressure from fly-in moose hunters, particularly in their  
41 area. GASH residents agree the proposed restrictions would  
42 be effective in protecting the resource and assuring a  
43 rural priority for local users.

44  
45 When we started analyzing this proposal, we  
46 consulted with Mr. Deacon to find out more of what he was  
47 talking about of the areas of concern. He amended the  
48 proposal to expand the controlled use area, the Paradise  
49 Controlled Use Area, which is on the map on page 58. And  
50 I'll explain that, but basically he wanted to include

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1 Bureau of Land Management lands, state lands and private  
2 lands and a portion of the refuge in 21(E) starting at the  
3 confluence of the outflow of Reindeer Lake and Paimiut  
4 Slough along a straight line heading northeast to the mouth  
5 of the Iditarod. So I'll talk further about that in the  
6 map there.

7  
8 Okay. If you look in the map on page 58,  
9 you can see the communities of Graying, Anvik, Shageluk,  
10 and Holy Cross. If you look at the community of Shageluk  
11 right in the middle of the map, you're going to see a  
12 different color shading there, diagonal lines for that  
13 area. That is the area that Mr. Deacon as he amended his  
14 proposal would like covered, so there's kind of a diagonal  
15 line. If you look down towards the bottom, there's --  
16 identifying the feature of Reindeer Lake, and then the gray  
17 area going up into the refuge, which is defined as kind of  
18 a lighter gray. So those are the areas. The area that's  
19 lighter gray up in the center part would be refuge lands,  
20 part of the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, and the area  
21 down below there, part of it covering the word Shageluk,  
22 that darker color there, those are Bureau of Land  
23 Management lands. So that's what is before you for the  
24 proposal.

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26 I need to point out, as I did already, that  
27 the area that's being requested now does include state,  
28 private and federal lands. And the federal lands include  
29 Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management.

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31 The Paradise Controlled use area on that  
32 same map which is defined by vertical lines and is pretty  
33 much west of the Innoko River and part's east, but most of  
34 it to the west, is one of the oldest controlled use area  
35 established by the Alaska Board of Game in 1978. It's  
36 called the Paradise Controlled Use Area. And it was  
37 established in response to concerns that hunter success  
38 rates favored nonrural users, and the total harvest level  
39 threatened the resource.

40  
41 Okay. Currently the harvest rates for the  
42 effected area do not reflect the need for additional  
43 regulatory restrictions. State and federal regulations  
44 prohibit access via airplane to state, federal and private  
45 lands within that existing controlled use area, called  
46 Paradise. Based on reported harvest records for Unit  
47 21(E), there was an over-all hunter success rate of 80  
48 percent for the subunit, this is according to Alaska  
49 Department of Fish and Game data. Average hunter success  
50 rates during the 1983 to 1999 for the four GASH

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1 communities, Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross, are  
2 six -- well, we'll round them off, 70 percent, 87 percent,  
3 77 percent and 80 percent respectively. Average hunter  
4 success for the four communities during 1983 through '99 is  
5 78.6 percent, or 79 percent.

6  
7 Now the effect of adopting this proposal  
8 would restrict access for federally qualified subsistence  
9 users along with non-federally qualified users who utilize  
10 airplanes to access the proposal area during state and  
11 federal seasons.

12  
13 The preliminary conclusion from staff is to  
14 oppose the proposal. The reason for opposing the proposal  
15 is results from biological and harvest surveys do not  
16 reflect the need for additional access restrictions within  
17 the proposal area of 21(E). Furthermore, the adoption of  
18 the proposal would restrict access to federally qualified  
19 subsistence users along with non-federally qualified  
20 subsistence users who utilize airplanes to access the  
21 proposed area during the state and federal season.

22  
23 I'll stop there and see if there's any  
24 questions about the proposal to establish or expand the  
25 controlled use area in 21(E).

26  
27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, Vince, I'm going  
28 to ask a question in order to help some audience that goes  
29 moose hunting in that area. My question is if this area  
30 become to be national wildlife refuge, what -- I will do my  
31 hunting area 21(E), what will -- what do I get out of it?  
32 That's what -- I'm -- there's some people here, they go  
33 hunting in that area, too.

34  
35 MR. MATTHEWS: Right. Mr. Chairman, if the  
36 proposal as amended was passed by the Federal Subsistence  
37 Board, it would only affect you if you flew into the area.  
38 If you boat into the area, it would not have any  
39 restriction. There would be no change on your hunting  
40 pattern. This is only an aircraft restriction for the area  
41 in question. So I believe talking to you, I have not  
42 talked to others, your way of access in the area is by  
43 boat.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary?

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47 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Which one is that?

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Riorden.

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3 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, just a  
4 couple comments on this. On 21(E) it's already a  
5 controlled use area where people can't fly into the area  
6 with airplanes, you know, below the Iditarod.

7

8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

9

10 MR. RIORDEN: And that's where the majority  
11 of people hunt, I think would go upriver is below the  
12 Iditarod. I've hunted up there for a lot of years, and  
13 occasionally you see a boat above the Iditarod on the  
14 Innoko, but not very often. But I have seen hunters from  
15 quite a few communities on the Kuskokwim that use airplanes  
16 to get into the upper portion of the Innoko. I've seen  
17 hunters from Kipnuk up there, I've seen hunters from  
18 Bethel, Aniak, other villages surrounding that area, so it  
19 is an important area for hunters that do have airplanes  
20 that go into that area above the Iditarod, where there  
21 isn't much conflict really with the boats and boat hunters.

22

23 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
24 Yeah, Vince, on this proposal here, does their controlled  
25 use area meet with the Paimiut Controlled Use Area? Does  
26 the Paimiut Controlled Use Area still exist?

27

28 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, the Paimiut still  
29 exists.

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31 MR. HANSON: And this proposal would go as  
32 far as the Paimiut line, so it will -- it would make a one  
33 big controlled use area, or is it separated in between?

34

35 MR. MATTHEWS: It would expand -- one way  
36 of looking at it, it would expand the Paradise Controlled  
37 Use Area to the east, and that I'll discuss when we talk  
38 about what Western Interior did. But communities in that  
39 area are concerned that the boundary, the eastern boundary  
40 of the Paradise Controlled Use area, these are their terms,  
41 is being violated by fly-in hunters that fly in and -- to  
42 different lakes along there, and then they float into the  
43 controlled use area. So they feel that the intent of the  
44 controlled use area is being violated because it doesn't  
45 cover some of the lakes that allow access to the controlled  
46 use area.

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48 MR. HANSON: So in other words, the  
49 proposal 29, the controlled use area would go from Paimiut.  
50 It would go like this from Paimiut and go up as far as.....

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Above.....

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3 MR. MATTHEWS: Yeah, as far as up to the  
4 mouth of the Innoko -- I mean, excuse me, the Iditarod.  
5 And again if the Board took action to support this  
6 proposal, we would have to work out language that reflected  
7 this boundary. Right now it would be difficult in  
8 regulation to define the controlled use area as the author  
9 has amended, as Henry has amended it.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mr. Hanson.

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13 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
14 My next one is looking at your map here, where your  
15 controlled use area is, how come they have a wedge type?  
16 Why didn't they just make it go down, then go across and  
17 then go back up, instead of going like this. It's a wedge  
18 type. If they want to protect Reindeer Lake, Iditarod, why  
19 didn't they just come straight down and then go up?

20

21 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Hanson, the reason this  
22 was drawn this way is the proposal was evolving from the  
23 original intent, which was to enclose the Innoko National  
24 Wildlife Refuge. When we talked to Mr. Deacon, this is  
25 what he drew out, as he thought would be best. But also  
26 Reindeer Lake is not under federal jurisdiction, so the  
27 area that the grayed area covered, or even if you expand it  
28 east, the gray area, all the white on the map is state  
29 lands, so we do not have jurisdiction over state lands. So  
30 I can't explain to you why Henry did not use either the GMU  
31 boundary, the game management unit boundary there, that  
32 dark black line, or use the -- I don't know which river  
33 that is, I think it's the Iditarod, why he didn't use that  
34 boundary. This is what he drew and this is what we tried  
35 to interpret. But I think it will come clearer once you  
36 hear the -- what the regional council did, Western  
37 Interior, if that's okay with the council to go ahead?

38

39 Okay. I'll go ahead and share what the  
40 Alaska Department of Fish and Game did and then your book  
41 -- anyway, there was a written comment. Fish and Game does  
42 not support this proposal. It would substantially expand  
43 the Paradise Controlled Use Area, and the net effect would  
44 be to restrict the use of aircraft for moose hunting on  
45 federal lands in the Innoko Refuge, including a large  
46 portion of the Innoko River drainage that is inaccessible  
47 by boat. The majority of hunters currently moose hunting  
48 in the Innoko Refuge are nonlocal residents and nonresident  
49 hunters who gain access via aircraft. Most moose hunting  
50 by the residents of Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk and Holy

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1 Cross occurs either in Unit 21(E) or in Unit 21(A)  
2 downstream from the Iditarod River, and involves the use of  
3 boats. Consequently, expanding the Paradise Controlled Use  
4 Area further into 21(E) to increase harvest opportunities  
5 for these communities is difficult to justify.

6  
7 There was one written comment. It was  
8 submitted by the president of Willow Air Service out of --  
9 I don't know where this letter came out of. It came out of  
10 Willow. His letter, dated January 8, 2001, recommends the  
11 Federal Subsistence Board reject Proposal 29. There is no  
12 data showing decline moose population in the Innoko  
13 Wildlife Refuge. Recent studies show moose populations  
14 remain steady. There is also no decline in hunter success  
15 rate.

16  
17 The nearest community is Shageluk that is  
18 84 river miles or 35 miles in a straight line downstream  
19 from the Innoko Refuge. Hunters who are hunting this  
20 portion of the river now have a 79 percent success ratio.  
21 Closing the Innoko Wildlife Refuge would increase -- would  
22 not increase this ratio.

23  
24 In the last four years, Willow Air has  
25 reduced its number of hunters to keep from overhunting and  
26 to keep hunter success higher. We have strived to get all  
27 meat out of the field in a timely manner and not have any  
28 meat wasted. We give over half of the moose meat -- yeah,  
29 we give over half of the moose meat we haul out to locals  
30 in McGrath. And in 1999 they were given a plaque by Fish  
31 and Game for their meat salvage and work, you know, how  
32 they were handling that.

33  
34 This proposal shows no reason behind the  
35 closure and was not brought up to any affected communities.  
36 When the time comes there is too much hunting pressure in  
37 the area, then it should be regulated in steps rather than  
38 a total closure. It was submitted by Steven -- Steve  
39 White, President of Willow Air.

40  
41 Eastern -- I mean, excuse me, Western  
42 Interior brought up this proposal last week, and their  
43 recommendation is to support as modified by the proponent  
44 to expand the Paradise Controlled Use Area to include that  
45 portion of the refuge within Unit 21(E), starting at the  
46 confluence of the outflow of Reindeer Lake and Paimiut  
47 Slough along a line heading northeast to the mouth of the  
48 Iditarod River. The modification would also extend the  
49 controlled use area into portions of the refuge in Unit  
50 21(E). This motion passed unanimously. The council's

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1 recommendation also includes its desire to have this  
2 proposal addressed by the Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy  
3 Cross Cooperative Planning Process recently funded by the  
4 Office of Subsistence Management. The Western Interior  
5 Regional Council directed a letter be sent to the Federal  
6 Subsistence Board requesting the Board defer this modified  
7 proposal with the Regional Council's support for  
8 modification to the GASH Working Group. The Regional  
9 Council would prefer a solution that addresses the concerns  
10 that occur on federal, state and private lands.

11  
12 The Regional Council supports the modified  
13 proposal, because the testimony heard at the meeting from  
14 GASH representatives and their personal knowledge of the  
15 area. They support the modified proposal because hunters  
16 who fly into lakes outside the controlled use area, that's  
17 the existing controlled use area, and then float into the  
18 controlled use area, are violating the intent of the  
19 original Paradise Controlled Use Area. The GASH area  
20 residents and Regional Council want to provide moose for  
21 future generations by controlling aircraft access to areas  
22 important to the GASH area.

23  
24 Okay. Let me explain all that, if I can.  
25 When we met as three councils to review all the fish  
26 projects in February, the three councils went with a  
27 project in the Yukon Flats dealing with pike fishery, and  
28 doing some baseline studies of the pike fishery in there,  
29 the Yukon Flats area, versus having a pike study on the  
30 Innoko River. That was passed by the Federal Subsistence  
31 Board. That resulted in some extra money that we talked  
32 about when you met as three councils. So there is money  
33 and support to have a forum to address the conflicts that  
34 occur within the GASH area, including sport fishing and  
35 including moose hunting. So this is why the Regional  
36 Council, the Western Interior Regional Council, supports  
37 the modified proposal, but they would like the Board to  
38 defer it to the working group, because as I pointed out on  
39 the map on page whatever, 58 I think it is, the controlled  
40 use area requested by Henry Deacon would not work unless  
41 the State expanded its controlled use area. It would work  
42 only on federal lands, and if you looked at that map, the  
43 BLM lands were basically townships. It would be very  
44 difficult to determine which -- where you were exactly,  
45 unless you were using GPS. On the refuge boundary, it  
46 might be a little bit easier, but not by much. So the  
47 Western Interior supports the proposal as modified, but  
48 they are requesting the Board defer it to this working  
49 group, which soon will be formed, and would include  
50 leadership from the lower Yukon area as part of this whole

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1 conflict resolution forum. So that's where we're at. The  
2 State of Alaska is very encouraged by having this forum  
3 established.

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5 So hopefully I didn't lose you all, but  
6 that's where we're at. It's basically Regional Council  
7 support with the request that it be deferred to the working  
8 group.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Audience, do you have  
11 anything to this Proposal 29, control use area? (In  
12 Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: He is explaining the area in  
15 which a -- that was -- it can be accessible though by boat  
16 into this area, but the airplanes are not recommended for  
17 use in that particular area. The reason why I'm asking the  
18 audience if you have any comments relating to this  
19 particular proposal. And after the -- if you have any  
20 comments, it would help the Board here or Council making --  
21 in making a determination in what we are going to be  
22 voting.

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24 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: It looks like there's  
25 no one from audience, so, Council, what is your action and  
26 -- to this Proposal 29?

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28 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like  
29 to.....

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31 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: .....move that we support  
34 Proposal 29, but wait until such time that GASH and the  
35 other people that are involved with this, that maybe I  
36 think it would be best if we deferred it back to the home  
37 regional council.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Hanson?

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41 MR. HANSON: Second.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: There's a motion and a  
44 second to support this proposal.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: But we've got to wait for  
47 GASH and them,.....

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: .....and then we would defer  
2 it back to the home regional council.

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince, you understand  
5 that -- what the proposal is?

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7 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, I understand that the  
8 action is that you at this point support the proposal, but  
9 would like to allow time for the GASH forum to take place,  
10 and then deferring to the home region. So you are  
11 positioning yourself that you support it, but you would  
12 like to work with the forum, and work with the neighbor  
13 upriver.

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Anymore discussion from  
16 the Council?

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18 MR. OWLETUCK: Question.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question has been  
21 called for. All who favor it say aye.

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Opposed.....

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27 MS. GREGORY: Nay.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: .....say no.

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31 MS. GREGORY: I say nay. Six.....

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33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary say nay.

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35 MS. GREGORY: Six yahs and one nay. Okay.

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37 I would have like to have supported the  
38 recommendations by the ADF&G and the staff recommendation  
39 to oppose it. That's why I said no.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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43 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman. Mary, did you  
44 want a minority opinion provided to the Board on that, or  
45 do you just want it noted in your minutes and transcript?

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47 MS. GREGORY: What do you mean?

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49 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, when there's usually  
50 not a consent on the proposal, we just want to make sure

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1 you know you have the option of having a minority opinion  
2 presented to the Board.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Can you explain minority  
5 opinion?

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7 MR. MATTHEWS: Minority opinion is  
8 basically when you have a disagreement in a group, that the  
9 next part of the process, that they're aware of your  
10 concerns.

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12 MS. GREGORY: Thank you. Yeah, I will take  
13 that then. Minority.

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15 MR. MATTHEWS: Opinion.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Opinion.

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19 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. So you would like  
20 that reflected, and then we'll carry.....

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22 MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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24 MR. MATTHEWS: .....that, Harry, when -- if  
25 you're going to the Board meeting, we'll have a line in  
26 there why there -- why she opposes that, the actions of the  
27 council. Thank you.

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29 MS. GREGORY: And I've stated my reasons  
30 already.

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32 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, you did. Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. The ayes have  
35 it.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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39 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. I think we're  
42 going to leave a couple three proposals right now and  
43 school is serving for lunch now. We're going to have a  
44 break for lunch and come back at 12:30. Or 1:00? 1:00  
45 o'clock.

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47 (Off record)

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49 (On record)

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (Indiscernible)

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3 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, we have two  
4 proposals left, Proposals 33 and 34. The presenter for 33  
5 is I think out doing some other, you know, stuff for the  
6 meeting, so we could go ahead and do 34 if that would be  
7 okay with the Council. Okay.

8

9 Proposal 34, you've got to listen to me  
10 again, so I don't know if that's a blessing or not, but on  
11 page 73 is where Proposal 34 is, and that's to deal with  
12 establishing a beaver hunting season in Unit 21(E), and it  
13 was submitted by the Western Interior Regional Advisory  
14 Council. And kind of to cut to the chase on this whole  
15 thing, and I don't mean to put off any of the analysis  
16 that's in here, but for all practical purposes, this is  
17 kind of a housekeeping proposal. The State of Alaska has a  
18 -- yeah, they have a hunting season, so we're trying to  
19 match existing state regulations.

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21 The little twist on the whole thing is, is  
22 that since this proposal was submitted, the Board of Game  
23 has switched the season, or changed the ending date for the  
24 season. The original season was November 1 through January  
25 10th. They changed it to November 1 through June 10th.

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27 So with that, you have the analysis in  
28 front of you, there is no biological concern about  
29 establishing a hunting season, and the effect of the  
30 proposal would be to match federal subsistence regulations  
31 with existing state regulations. The staff's preliminary  
32 conclusion is to support the proposal with the modification  
33 to have no limit, and a November 1 through June 10th  
34 season. So that in a nutshell is Proposal 34. And I'll  
35 stop and see if there's any questions about what I've  
36 presented.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Lester.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Move we support Proposal 34  
43 with modification.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Motion on the floor to  
46 support 34 with modification. Is there.....

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48 MR. SAVAGE: Second.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by.....

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Mike.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike Savage.

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5 MR. MATTHEWS: And the modification would  
6 be to have the June season.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: June, yeah.

9

10 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. And I'll just go  
11 through Fish and Game's comments, if that's okay, sine you  
12 have a motion on the floor?

13

14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: That's the motion.

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16 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. The Fish and Game,  
17 they support this proposal. The intent of this proposal is  
18 to align state and federal beaver hunting seasons in Unit  
19 21(E), and then they note, however, the current season is  
20 now June 10th.

21

22 There was no written comments on the  
23 proposal, and the handout I gave you earlier, I have it  
24 wrong in there. I did consult with the representative of  
25 Eastern Interior and my write-up here is wrong. Basically  
26 the Eastern and Western Interior took up Proposal 34 in  
27 their joint meeting, and they support it as modified by  
28 staff to align with existing state regulations, to have the  
29 June 1 closing date. And again the councils supported that  
30 motion unanimously, and the Regional Councils support  
31 aligning proposals that allow more subsistence opportunity.  
32 Passage of this proposal will allow for a beaver hunting  
33 season under federal regulations. So again, the sheet I  
34 handed out is wrong. They went with the modification  
35 that's in your motion.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Donald, you have  
38 anything to.....

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40 MR. D. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, I'm here to  
41 present Proposal 33, sorry I'm late.

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43 MR. MATTHEWS: So that's all the staff have  
44 on Proposal 34.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: The question's been  
49 called for. All who favor say aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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5 (No opposing votes.)

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7 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Ayes have it.

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9 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, that leaves us  
10 with Proposal 33, and Donald Mike will be presenting  
11 Proposal 33.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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15 MR. D. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, Proposal 33 was  
16 submitted by the Western Interior Regional Advisory  
17 Council, and it would change the existing federal wolf  
18 harvest limit for -- from five wolves to ten wolves per  
19 day. The requested regulatory change would align federal  
20 and state harvest limits for wolves in Unit 19(D). And  
21 just for Unit 19(D), there's a map in the federal regs on  
22 page 108, just for your references.

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24 The existing federal subsistence regs  
25 harvest limit for Unit 19(D) is more restrictive than  
26 current state hunting harvest limit regulations during  
27 August 10th/April 30th season. Currently the.....

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29 MR. CHARLES: Mike. Don Mike, Donald Mike.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Donald Mike?

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33 MR. D. MIKE: I'm sorry, Donald Mike,  
34 council coordinator.

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36 The existing regulations is -- we have  
37 right now is for five wolves in Unit 19 from August 10th to  
38 April 30th, and the proposed regulations would read Unit  
39 19(D), ten wolves per day, August 10th through April 30th,  
40 for wolf hunting, and the remainder of Unit 19 would be  
41 five wolves.

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43 Mr. Chairman, I'll keep it short in sort,  
44 and the preliminary conclusion is to support the proposal.  
45 And the justification for that, there's -- the existing  
46 wolf population is healthy and the proposed federal harvest  
47 limit will not -- will match existing state harvest limit  
48 and will not impact the wolf population.

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50 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the Alaska

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1 Department of Fish and Game submitted comments on that, and  
2 they support adoption of this proposal, because it would  
3 align with existing state seasons in Unit 19, and provide  
4 additional harvest opportunity for federally qualified  
5 subsistence users.

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7 West -- jointly Eastern and Western  
8 Interior took up Proposal 33 at their March 8th meeting,  
9 and they unanimously supported Proposal 33 by unanimous  
10 consent, because it's an alignment proposal, and it would  
11 provide increased subsistence opportunity. That's all we  
12 have, Mr. Chairman, from staff and from comments, and if  
13 additional information is needed or if Mr. Fleener would  
14 like to add more on that, he's available.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Public, do you have  
17 anything to say on Proposal 33? Mike, there's none here.  
18 Council, your action on Proposal 33? Recommendations?

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20 MR. SAVAGE: I make a motion for Proposal  
21 33.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike Savage make a  
24 motion to support or -- to support Proposal 33. If there's  
25 any second to the motion?

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27 MR. OWLETUCK: Second.

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29 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Second by Alvin  
30 Owletuck.

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32 MR. HANSON: Question.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Question been called  
35 for. All who favor say aye.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: And opposed say no.

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41 (No opposing votes.)

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Motion carried. Ayes  
44 have it.

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46 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I believe that  
47 covers all the proposals that I'm aware of, and if the  
48 staff know of other proposals, they can bring that forth  
49 here, but that's all the ones that I'm aware of.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Thank you.

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Next on our agenda is  
6 ten, big game management. (A) moose, Mike Riorden. (B)  
7 caribou, Mike Riorden. Mike, it's -- you're on the hot  
8 seat.

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10 MR. RIORDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 I've got comments on moose and caribou as you ask on here,  
12 and then I also had some general ones about fish. Would it  
13 be all right to include those in this same discussion here  
14 then, or would you prefer I wait for those until later, on  
15 the fish.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think fish would be  
18 separate from moose and caribou, whatever animals.

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20 MR. RIORDEN: Okay.

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22 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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24 MR. RIORDEN: I just drew a line through  
25 it, so I'll stop when I get to that.

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27 Good morning, everybody, and I feel  
28 fortunate to already know all of you on here, but for the  
29 record, I'm Mike Riorden, the manager of the Yukon Delta  
30 National Wildlife Refuge. I feel privileged to say welcome  
31 to Kotlik. I first visited this village about 30 years  
32 ago, and I was working with Alex Nick in fact. He and I  
33 were working for Fish and Game in the summers, and had some  
34 good times. And I'm fortunate enough to continue to get to  
35 work with Alex in the position he's in now. Obviously  
36 Kotlik was a lot smaller then. No telephones, not  
37 electricity, no cable TV, no four wheelers, and things have  
38 changed a lot, but people here as those of you who have  
39 been here a lot all know, the people here are still the  
40 same, very, very friendly people. And I think you'll find,  
41 those who haven't been here much, to find that they're some  
42 of the most hospitable people that you'll ever have met.

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44 One of my first times coming here was to --  
45 well, I was chasing a local girl, and I left Alakanuk in an  
46 old PAF -- were those PAF, John? Old PAF skiff that I'd  
47 bought with a 25 horse, and came over to impress this girl  
48 that I was chasing, and I kind of ran out of gas in  
49 daylight, and I was lost all at the same time a few miles  
50 out of Kotlik, and so after a long, cold, wet night, I had

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1 to row into Kotlik. I only had one oar, and so I was  
2 pretty slow, and I was really embarrassed. I was only 19  
3 or 20 years old, and I wasn't going to impress this girl  
4 very much, but I left plenty early so I'd get here before  
5 anybody else was up. Well, just when I got to the slough  
6 outside of town here, an old man was going out to check his  
7 net, and he saw me and he insisted on towing me into the  
8 village. And I didn't know that half the population of  
9 Kotlik was already up at 7:00 o'clock in the morning, but  
10 everybody knew about me. But eventually the girl I was  
11 chasing married me, and so she kind of forgave me for that  
12 indiscretion a few years ago.

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14 Truly, Kotlik is a real appropriate place  
15 for you guys to meet. The people in this community have a  
16 very strong dependence on resources of the land and waters  
17 here. They depend on fish, they depend on caribou and  
18 moose and small game, seals, beluga whales, berries, and  
19 they trap animals here. These people are so dependent on  
20 fish and game in this area that I think it's very  
21 appropriate that you're meeting here, and hopefully you'll  
22 have a chance to listen to some of their comments.

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24 And I'm also very confident that the Board  
25 that we have now is very, very competent. You guys have an  
26 incredible depth of understanding and background and  
27 ability to deal with issues that will help strike the  
28 balance for providing subsistence need for people on the  
29 delta and ensure that our grandchildren will have these  
30 resources to depend on. I, like a lot of you here, have  
31 grandchildren just in the last two to three years, and it  
32 gives you a different perspective on things. It makes you  
33 look at things a little more long term. Rather than worry  
34 about what's going to happen tomorrow, we worry what's  
35 going to happen 20 years from now.

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37 And I think moose is an appropriate issue  
38 to start out with in that vein. There's one thing that  
39 I've learned very well in my years of working for Fish and  
40 Wildlife Service is that, you know, we say that we manage  
41 wildlife, but you all know as well as I have learned that  
42 wildlife does fine all by itself, and what we try to do is  
43 manage what people are doing to wildlife. So that's become  
44 an important issue on the delta. We obviously have a  
45 growing population. People have good snow machines and  
46 boats and things, so their access to animals is a lot  
47 better. So they're having more of an effect on wildlife.

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49 Another thing I've learned is that  
50 individual people often have more of an influence on what



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1 happens than an agency. Fish and Wildlife Service can  
2 spend a lot of time telling people what they thing should  
3 happen, but when people step up from within the community,  
4 they make a big difference. And I wanted to take the  
5 chance here to mention that Robert Nick and James Charles  
6 have both been working diligently on the Kuskokwim River in  
7 informing people about the need to conserve moose and build  
8 that population back up. And I'm convinced that because of  
9 their efforts is -- we're starting to make some real  
10 differences on the Kuskokwim River. And I talked to you of  
11 that a couple years ago about the potential that the, you  
12 know, the area between Bethel and Kalskag probably has a  
13 potential to support over 2000 moose, and yet we only had  
14 about 85 in a survey.

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16 We had people from the lower Yukon,  
17 specifically Emmonak, that came and talked to our group  
18 about what they did in this lower part of the river, where  
19 they had a moratorium and didn't hunt moose for several  
20 years, and even flying over last night from -- between here  
21 and Emmonak, I saw tracks in the trees. That's not  
22 something, as you guys all know, you -- it's something we  
23 wouldn't have even seen 12, 15 years ago. So I think the  
24 people in this area showed that it can work to leave the  
25 moose alone for a while. And with Robert Nick's efforts,  
26 and James has been involved in it a lot, too, to encourage  
27 people to conserve moose, I think that we're going to see a  
28 big difference in the coming years. And again it points up  
29 that each of you has -- I mean, you all have a lot of  
30 influence. You wouldn't be on this council if you didn't'  
31 have a lot of influence. I mean, that's how you get  
32 selected, because you're people who have dealt with these  
33 issues, and you know what you're doing. So we truly  
34 appreciate the effort put out by members of this council to  
35 assist on those things.

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37 Another moose issue, we've been trying to  
38 count moose on the Yukon for about the last month, and one  
39 of the requirements for conducting a good moose count is  
40 that you have to have adequate snow cover in the trees in  
41 order to -- you know, all the logs that are laying sideways  
42 and the stumps, if those aren't snow covered, then it  
43 really makes it difficult to get a good count on moose.  
44 And even until just a few days ago, especially on the upper  
45 Yukon, there has not been adequate snow to count moose, so  
46 we haven't totally given up yet, but unless we get a pretty  
47 decent snowfall here real soon, it's unlikely that we're  
48 going to come up with a good moose count this year, but  
49 we're continuing to try.

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1                   A couple comments on caribou, and then I'll  
2 be finished with this part. The Mulchatna herd, the  
3 caribou that are being harvested out of Bethel and along  
4 the Kuskokwim River are -- that population has been real  
5 healthy lately. There's probably close to 200,000 animals  
6 in that herd. It's -- because they're there is one of the  
7 reasons why we're having some luck in moose conservation on  
8 the Kuskokwim. People have an alternative resource, and so  
9 I think we need to take advantage of those caribou and  
10 allow people to continue to harvest them, and give them  
11 every opportunity to do that. So -- and this year's been  
12 particularly easy on that herd. We haven't had any snow  
13 over there on the Kuskokwim to speak of, and unfortunately  
14 it's been hard for people to get out and get very many  
15 animals, but the animals they've been getting have been  
16 very healthy. So I suspect that we'll have good production  
17 this year. Should be a lot of calves, and if we have a  
18 good summer, there will be a lot of animals coming back  
19 next fall.

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21                   The Western Arctic Herd has still  
22 maintained its population fairly well. You know, years ago  
23 I'm sure all of you heard that, you know, it was up to  
24 500,000 animals, and everybody thought they were just going  
25 to crash and get down to a real low population. Well, for  
26 some reason, and maybe it has to do with the fairly easy  
27 winters we've had in recent years, that population has not  
28 crashed, and there's still a good healthy population, and I  
29 understand that people from the lower Yukon and even up and  
30 down the Yukon and Unalakleet and those areas were still  
31 able to harvest a significant number of those Western  
32 Arctic animals.

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34                   MS. GREGORY: What are you talking about,  
35 caribou or moose on the western?

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37                   MR. RIORDEN: Caribou.

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39                   MS. GREGORY: Western?

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41                   MR. RIORDEN: Western Arctic Caribou, yeah,  
42 it's a herd that winters on the North Slope, and then some  
43 of the animals, Mary, come down as far as even just behind  
44 Kotlik here, even people from St. Mary's are able to get up  
45 in the hills and get them. So that herd has been -- is  
46 still fairly healthy and hopefully people will continue to  
47 have the opportunity to harvest them.

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49                   That's about all I have, unless there are  
50 questions from people.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Council, do you have a  
2 question for -- Hanson?

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4 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
5 What about the herd that's at Needle Mountain? Have you  
6 guys ever checked out the caribou?

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8 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah. And we don't know if  
9 that's a left over population of animals that are in the  
10 Andraefsky Mountains up there, or whether it's animals that  
11 have been left from the Western Arctic, and lately it's  
12 been hard to tell the difference between the two, because  
13 tens of thousands of animals from the Western Arctic Herd  
14 have been coming down into that area, and we haven't put  
15 collars on any of those animals or anything yet.

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17 MR. HANSON: I don't know if that's part of  
18 the Western Arctic, or -- I think they were there before  
19 Western Arctic Caribou started coming this way.

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21 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, I think you're right.

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23 MR. HANSON: Yeah.

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25 MR. RIORDEN: I suspect you're right,  
26 because.....

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28 MR. HANSON: Those caribou, they -- they're  
29 mixed with Stebbins reindeer.

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31 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, I know. Some of them  
32 have ear tags, so obviously it's a mixture.

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34 MR. HANSON: So I was just curious if you  
35 guys ever went and checked, see of the population is  
36 declining or.....

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38 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah.

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40 MR. HANSON: .....still rising.

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42 MR. RIORDEN: It's real hard to say right  
43 now, because they mix in with those Western Arctic animals,  
44 so it's hard to tell, because even in the summers when  
45 we've been flying up here, there's been some of the Western  
46 Arctic animals have stayed, a few of them stay down, so  
47 it's hard to tell what's what now. Any other questions?

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more questions?  
50 Hanson?

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1 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
2 I've got one more. Where's our big game biologists?

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4 MR. RIORDEN: Which ones? Steve and -- the  
5 state guys couldn't make it apparently.

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7 MR. HANSON: From Bethel.

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9 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah.

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11 MR. HANSON: Are they going to be here  
12 or.....

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14 MR. RIORDEN: I don't think so. Some of  
15 the guys were unable to make it for budget reasons. And so  
16 I was told that they may not be here.

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18 MR. HANSON: Are they going to be counting  
19 moose below Mountain on over to Black River and up this  
20 way?

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22 MR. RIORDEN: Trying to. If we get  
23 adequate snow cover, then they're going to try to do that.

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25 MR. HANSON: Well, we've got a lot of snow  
26 now.

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28 MR. RIORDEN: Starting to now, yeah. Yeah,  
29 we've been waiting a long time.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Alvin?

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33 MR. OWLETUCK: Yeah. So that the moose  
34 count you do have is only on Unit 18, or you do units like  
35 21(E) around Russian Mission all the way down to the mouth  
36 of the Yukon, right?

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38 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, the area we were  
39 concentrating on is from just below Holy Cross all the way  
40 down to the mouth of the Yukon.

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42 MR. OWLETUCK: So it would be two different  
43 districts.....

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45 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah.

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47 MR. OWLETUCK: .....that you.....

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49 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah. Yeah. Because that's  
50 what people on the Yukon hunt, both populations.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more questions, or,  
2 audience, you guys have question? Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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4 MR. TEELUK: Huh?

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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8 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Moose and caribou.

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12 MR. TEELUK: How much do you expect you  
13 have moose up here in lower Yukon area? I mean, you do  
14 your study, and you tell us that we've got to control our  
15 hunting and it -- how long do you expect to -- we've put in  
16 seven years of not hunting, about seven years, you know,  
17 and the population up here is going up. You know, years  
18 ago we used to hunt muskrats and we kept -- it got hard  
19 getting and selling furs like that. And then one day these  
20 guys from out of state come around and told us not to --  
21 you know, we can't sell these furs, I don't know, they call  
22 those people anyway, and we stopped. And all these  
23 muskrats I'll tell you once were many, they're gone now.  
24 And now the same thing is happening with these moose up  
25 here. They're growing more, and we put regulations that we  
26 can't hunt, and only at certain time, and we only hunt  
27 bulls and most of the time it's -- there will be a lot of  
28 cows and there will be more, and one day they'll be out of  
29 food up here, and then what?

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31 MR. RIORDEN: Billy, yeah, your population  
32 here is nowhere near getting to the point where they're  
33 running out of food. As you mentioned, it's still growing,  
34 and people on the lower Yukon now, whereas ten years ago  
35 the normal take as you know as well as anybody was real  
36 low. Now, it's typically anywhere between 20 and 30 bull  
37 moose are reported every year. And I expect that to  
38 continue to increase, because the population is increasing  
39 out here. I think there are enough people hunting on the  
40 lower Yukon to keep the herd to a level where they're  
41 certainly not going to run out of groceries down here.  
42 You know, there's a lot of desire to hunt out here, and the  
43 hunting's getting better, and as it gets better, people are  
44 going to start taking more and animals, but you've got a  
45 healthy population that's growing here. If people start  
46 shooting cows at this point, it's going to go right to  
47 where it was 20 years ago. You'll be out of moose just  
48 like that.

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50 You've got a good healthy habitat out here.

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1 You've got a lot of willows, as John knows. He's got them  
2 in his back yard in Alakanuk over there. You know, the  
3 population is getting real healthy now, and I think it's an  
4 advantage to everybody on this lower river. You don't have  
5 to, you know, run 200 miles up river to go moose hunting,  
6 so I think with reasonable regulations and just killing  
7 bulls at this time, I think that you can expect to have  
8 many years of good moose hunting in this lower Yukon river.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah, go  
11 ahead.

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13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I have a question, you  
14 know, something similar to this guy. Years ago, you know,  
15 a long, long time ago in my growing days, maybe 14, 15  
16 years old, there were no moose in this country, and not too  
17 long ago they started showing up, and you say the  
18 population is much healthy right now. And one of my  
19 concern is that we start hearing about these wolves start  
20 walking around in the populated or moose come here, you  
21 know. That might not be concern for you guys right now,  
22 you know, a wolf versus us Yup'ik, or Yup'ik people, they  
23 can kill any -- whether it be cow or moose, you know, that  
24 might make some effect down the road if the wolf  
25 population's build up. I don't know if you any comments of  
26 that.

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28 Another concern is that years ago about  
29 these caribous, they -- I heard they were migrating north  
30 around Kuskokwim area. What's the movement on those things  
31 -- caribous. That's my two concerns.

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33 MR. RIORDEN: Okay. On the first one on  
34 wolves, my response to that always is, you know, if there  
35 are more wolves in the area, that's a good sign, because  
36 that means you've got a healthy moose or caribou  
37 population. In and around Bethel, wolves were pretty much  
38 unheard of for years, anywhere around there. Now we've got  
39 wolves on the outskirts of town, and it's because we've got  
40 a real healthy caribou population in the area, and the  
41 reason you're seeing wolves down in the lower Yukon is  
42 because you're starting to get a good moose population.  
43 And I trust that most of the people down here are able to  
44 take care of a lot of the wolves. You know, I know that  
45 there's a real desire to do that, so I don't know how fast  
46 the population of wolves is growing out here, or what  
47 effect it's going to have, but it's a good sign that you've  
48 got them, because it means that you're developing a good  
49 healthy moose population.

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1                   On the other issue, on caribou, the  
2 Mulchatna Caribou, the ones we're getting in Bethel, we've  
3 had a few of them that have crossed the Kuskokwim, but not  
4 very many of them. Most of them have stayed pretty much  
5 east of Bethel, and in the Kilbuck Mountains, and then  
6 they're summering -- those animals are summering over by  
7 the Alaska Range near Iliamna and in that area.

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9                   Then these -- the Western Arctic Herd, most  
10 of them, about the furthest south they've been coming is  
11 behind Anvik and then some of them down in the Andreafsky  
12 Mountains back here. We did have one situation where we  
13 had a collared animal from the Mulchatna herd, from east of  
14 Bethel, we found a collared animal from the Western Arctic  
15 Herd in the same herd out behind Anvik here just -- I think  
16 it was three years ago. So there has been a little bit of  
17 mixing, but not very much, of those animals.

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19                   CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: James?

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21                   MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
22 Mike, back upon caribou again, I used to hear about the  
23 reports over on east of Bethel, there were 40,000 caribou,  
24 34, now I don't hear the numbers any more, and the caribou  
25 is migrating all over in that area, all the way down to  
26 Goodnews Bay area, or that area.

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28                   MR. RIORDEN: Yeah.

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30                   MR. CHARLES: Are those animals counted,  
31 too, down that say, or how's the population? I know it's  
32 healthy, but you used -- you guys still use the numbers  
33 like so many caribou over that way?

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35                   MR. RIORDEN: Yeah. We have collars on  
36 enough of these animals that we can find most of them, you  
37 know, because they spread out, and every year's been a  
38 little different, and this year, because we haven't had  
39 much snow, a lot of those animals have gone, like you said,  
40 all the way down to Goodnews Bay and Platinum and that  
41 area. But there was a period of time in -- it must have  
42 been late December when we still had about 40,000 animals  
43 just east of Bethel. Nobody could get to them, because  
44 there was no snow, but in that area just east of Bethel,  
45 yeah, we had about 40,000 animals go by.

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47                   CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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49                   MR. TEELUK: Billy Teeluk. You know me.

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1 MR. RIORDEN: I know.

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3 MR. TEELUK: Some years ago, maybe last  
4 year even at Kuskokwim, where they're -- they were  
5 concerned about moose population and the wolf eating moose  
6 and their dogs.....

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8 MR. RIORDEN: Uh-huh.

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10 MR. TEELUK: .....were being eaten. How  
11 are you guys handling that,.....

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13 MR. RIORDEN: Well, that.....

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15 MR. TEELUK: .....the problem.

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17 MR. RIORDEN: If you're talking about there  
18 around Chuathbaluk and Aniak and that area, they do have a  
19 fairly high -- they have a real high moose population up  
20 there, and because of that, they've got a real high wolf  
21 population also. Typically the way the politics are in the  
22 state as far as wolf control, we're pretty much dependent  
23 on local people to harvest wolves the way they can. My  
24 understanding is there's one area around McGrath now where  
25 they have a lot of wolves and a lot of bears and not many  
26 moose at this point where they're actually talking about  
27 doing some controls. But pretty much the agencies have  
28 stayed out of trying to do any kind of wolf control. And  
29 it's -- you know, you think about it, that's pretty much  
30 the natural balance of things. You wouldn't have those  
31 wolves if you didn't have healthy populations of caribou  
32 and moose.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Hanson?

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36 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
37 Yeah, Mike, I think Fish and Wildlife should have wolf  
38 control at the same time even for these moose that we have  
39 around here. Every year there's getting more people that  
40 go out hunting, they track moose and the moose, the wolves  
41 are killing the calves. That's what they're killing right  
42 now. And if they keep doing that, then I don't know, I  
43 think there's quite a few wolves where the moose are below  
44 Mountain Village. Even in Alakanuk have moose -- wolves  
45 come right into the village, because we have moose all  
46 around the village there, and if they're killing the  
47 calves, the population of moose isn't going to keep going  
48 up. It's just going to keep dropping.

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50 MR. RIORDEN: After all the years you spent



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1 on the Board of Game, I think you understand, you know, the  
2 politics involved in wolf control. And they're tough. You  
3 know, there's a lot of oversight from a lot of different  
4 people when they start talking about wolf control. So  
5 frankly I suspect that's unlikely, unless there was a real  
6 strong push from lower Yukon people, and then there was  
7 biological evidence that indicated it was needed, kind of  
8 like the situation they have at McGrath, I think it's  
9 unlikely to happen until then. What I'd recommend is we  
10 continue to watch the moose population. It's still  
11 growing, you know. All the indications are that it's still  
12 growing. There's a lot of productivity, a lot of calves  
13 are being born, and even in the fall you still see calves  
14 that are alive. So at this point I think things are pretty  
15 healthy. It's something we certainly ought to keep an eye  
16 on and continue to watch.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike.

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20 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman, my dad told me  
21 my uncle, his older brother, had raised three wolves for  
22 his dog team, and my dad said every three days they had to  
23 have meat, or they'd be mean, and they'd get really bad. I  
24 was just thinking about that. I think you guys should look  
25 into this controlling these wolves, that if they can eat --  
26 if they eat meat every three days, that's a lot of moose  
27 they're going to kill. They're -- you know, we don't take  
28 as much -- I don't think we take as much moose as the  
29 wolves. And that's a lot of meat, three days -- you know,  
30 every three days, just three wolves that he had. My dad  
31 said he'd get -- catch moose every two weeks to keep those  
32 dogs in good shape.

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34 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah. There's no denying  
35 wolves eat a lot of meat. Yeah, they do. They kill a lot  
36 of caribou and moose.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Mike, since I'm not a very  
39 good reader, maybe I can ask you this, is there an open  
40 season for wolves in this area?

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42 MR. RIORDEN: Yes.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: And what days are they, and  
45 what's required to go and.....

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47 MR. RIORDEN: Well, if you have a trapping  
48 license, it's unlimited how many you can take.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: A trapping license?

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1 MR. RIORDEN: And a hunting license, what  
2 is the limitation, you guys, is it two wolves or something  
3 like that? But all you need is a trapping license and you  
4 can kill all the wolves you want. Between August -- I'll  
5 let these guys look it up so I don't make a fool of myself,  
6 but I believe it opens in August and ends sometime in  
7 March, is that correct?

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Is it just opened for a  
10 certain period?

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12 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, it's not open during  
13 the spring and summer.....

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15 MR. L. WILDE: Okay.

16  
17 MR. RIORDEN: .....when the hides are no  
18 good. But it is open during the fall and winter.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: So if anybody here wanted to  
21 go out and hunt wolves, all they need is a trapping  
22 license?

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24 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, it's -- Lester, it's  
25 August 10th through April 30.

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27 MR. L. WILDE: Okay.

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29 MR. RIORDEN: And it's five wolves if you  
30 have a hunting license, but it's unlimited if you have a  
31 trapping license.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: I just wanted to make sure  
34 that everybody understood.

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36 MR. RIORDEN: Yep, it's open.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Alvin?

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40 MR. OWLETUCK: Yeah, thank you, Mr.  
41 Chairman. I don't now, it seems like we really could see  
42 -- you know, anybody can make a proposal, like if they're  
43 going to hurt our population around our area, our region,  
44 we can make a proposal to Fish and Game, right, and.....

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46 MR. RIORDEN: Yes, sir. Yes, you can,  
47 that's.....

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49 MR. OWLETUCK: .....and say, okay, we've  
50 got -- we're overpopulating this moose so we want.....

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1 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, that's great.

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3 MR. OWLETUCK: .....no limit or whatever.  
4 I've got this community, too, that can be.....

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6 MR. RIORDEN: Yep.

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8 MR. OWLETUCK: .....inputting this.

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike, I think that this  
11 is important to people in the lower Yukon, I suppose  
12 upriver, too. Here this month they're going to have a  
13 potlatch. If the person want to have a potluck and moose  
14 for the potluck, what -- this area is closed. What the  
15 person have to do?

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17 MR. RIORDEN: Call Fish and Game, and they  
18 can issue a permit for potlatch.

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20 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We didn't hear back  
23 here.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Didn't hear back there.

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27 MR. RIORDEN: All right. The state has a  
28 system wherein if you need a moose for potlatch or  
29 ceremonial purposes or something like that, that you call  
30 the State of Alaska, the game biologist there in Bethel,  
31 and he can issue a permit that allows the harvest of a  
32 moose from that area. So there is a legal way to do that.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Even it's a closed  
35 area?

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37 MR. RIORDEN: Yes. Yeah, a lot of times  
38 the season is closed on that.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

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42 MR. TEELUK: I've got a question, too.  
43 There are times when our relatives pass away now. We want  
44 to help the family kid of, because of, you know, laws that  
45 we go out hunting now. I think for -- is that included  
46 like you said, potluck, when a relative dies and they don't  
47 have any food, anybody that has a good job would go out and  
48 get some food, because out here it's expensive out here, to  
49 live out here. A lot of us don't have jobs to  
50 (indiscernible).

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1 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, that regulation allows  
2 for that kind of a harvest, and what you have to do is  
3 submit it, then it's considered. And not all of them are  
4 given. Sometimes people have tried to take advantage of it  
5 and just go get a moose out of season, but most of them  
6 are. Most of them are that I know go into the game  
7 biologist, most of them he gives out.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike?

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11 MR. J. MIKE: My name is Joe Mike.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mike. Joe Mike.

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15 MR. J. MIKE: I'd like to let you know that  
16 have gotten two times last year and this year, that St.  
17 Mary's did call Fish and Game to go out and kill one moose  
18 for the use of potlatch. And the state has requested them  
19 to -- or granted them to go out and kill a moose during  
20 that time.

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22 MR. RIORDEN: Great.

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24 MS. GREGORY: What he say?

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26 MR. RIORDEN: He said that at St. Mary's  
27 they've done that the last couple of years and have taken a  
28 moose with no problem in using that system.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Thank you, Mike.

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32 MR. RIORDEN: Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: There's maybe a.....

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36 MR. OKITKUN; Jack Okitkun. I'd like to  
37 get one thing cleared, you know, the Fish and Game opens --  
38 where it's open, you know, we have people that have gone up  
39 to Kisaralik or (indiscernible), and it doesn't clarify  
40 that in the -- in your book here. And not only that, why  
41 does the Lower Yukon have different dates of hunting moose.  
42 They have it 30 days up the river and down here we have  
43 only three (ph) days? I'd like to know why is that?

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45 MR. RIORDEN: The season that's established  
46 came from the advisory committee, Lower Yukon Advisory  
47 Committee, and it was part of the conservation measures  
48 that lower Yukon people took to try to rebuild the  
49 population. So that's why that season is the way it has  
50 been.

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1                   This map that you've got in here is --  
2 delineates the boundaries of the different units, you know,  
3 like Unit 18, so for the area you're talking about, it  
4 should be able to show you pretty easily where the Unit 18  
5 is.

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7                   MR. OKITKUN: Another question I have,  
8 there's been people that have with the modern technology  
9 that we have, it doesn't state in the rules where the --  
10 for the effective (indiscernible) GPS, it's beyond what's  
11 written in here. We'd like to get that clarified, you  
12 know.

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14                  MR. RIORDEN: If you look in the  
15 regulations, it describes how the boundaries are  
16 designated. Most of it has to do with drainages, so that  
17 if you have a drainage going -- so if you're at the  
18 headwaters, and you're standing on it, and water's going  
19 this way on one side, and water's going that way on the  
20 other, then you're normally on a boundary, you know, if  
21 that's where the boundary is. So you can tell if the  
22 drainage is going into a certain creek, or it's going to  
23 the lower Yukon, that you're in that unit. This -- yeah,  
24 because this map, I mean, the line is wider than -- the  
25 line is wider than you can almost see in some of those  
26 areas out there obviously, so you kind of have to use the  
27 description that's in there for what the unit is also.

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29                  CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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31                  MR. UNOK: Al Unok from Kotlik. I had the  
32 same question as what Jack was saying. In the drainage,  
33 you say both sides of the drainage, both sides of the river  
34 is open? How far on that drainage are you talking about?  
35 Like quarter of a mile?

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37                  MR. RIORDEN: Well,.....

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39                  MR. UNOK: Half a mile?

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41                  MR. RIORDEN: Yeah. Normally -- well,  
42 normally the line is -- if you think of it in your mind,  
43 it's right where the water splits, you know, I mean, if  
44 you've got -- because when you've got a hill, it's either  
45 going uphill or downhill, so the downhill side on the  
46 drainage is what's all open.

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48                  MR. UNOK: (Indiscernible) there's the  
49 river here, the Pestolik, the first side's opened in  
50 August, and this side opens in September?

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1 MR. RIORDEN: Is that the boundary they're  
2 talking about is Pestolik?

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4 MR. UNOK: And I'm asking you if both sides  
5 are open and how far from banks of the river, the drainage  
6 they're talking about.

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8 MR. RIORDEN: Normally if they call it the  
9 bank of the river, then it goes right down to mean high  
10 water the -- you know, it goes right to the bottom of the  
11 cut bank on that slough is where it goes. If it's saying  
12 one side or the other.

13  
14 MR. UNOK: So it's okay for us Kotlik  
15 people to get license out for hunting north side when it's  
16 open in August, if we do not catch anything, then you could  
17 -- harvest ticket go to Unit 18?

18  
19 MR. RIORDEN: Yeah, you can use the same  
20 harvest ticket in both places and hunt wherever the season  
21 is open, if that's how the season is open. I'm not  
22 familiar enough with that part of the regulation to tell  
23 you right now, but -- yeah.

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25 MR. BENDER: So you say with.....

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27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Say your name first?  
28 We couldn't hear you here.

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30 MR. BENDER: I'm Geof Bender.

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32 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Geof?

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34 MS. GREGORY: If you could come up here and  
35 ask your question, because they can't hear.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Come on, sit  
38 down right here. Right here.

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40 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible)

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Come on. Sit  
43 down over here by the 'phone.

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45 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik).

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47 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, sit down by the  
48 'phone.

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50 MR. BENDER: Since we're -- you're talking

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1 about special permits for things like potlatch and not to  
2 make people criminals, you know, the way it is nowadays,  
3 people go take a week off work sometimes to go hunting, or  
4 they're doing it at night. Maybe some family's going to  
5 need some meat that winter, really need the meat, so I  
6 think it would be a real good idea if the tribes could  
7 issue hunting permits for -- the tribes know who has no  
8 food in their freezer, and hasn't had a job in eight or ten  
9 years, or what the situation is. It might be good if the  
10 tribes could issue special permits to those people, it  
11 would be the right thing to do, and it would solve a lot of  
12 grief for both parties. Even if the guy were to get caught  
13 and go to court, unless we got a horrible judge that thinks  
14 kind of weird, they're not going to put a person in jail  
15 for that anyhow. Why let them go through all this trouble,  
16 because if a man's hungry, he's going to eat. You know,  
17 that's a fact of life out here, and I think maybe we could  
18 work on something. We don't have people that cheat in our  
19 area. If a guy's out there in the middle of winter looking  
20 for some animal he didn't catch in the falltime, most  
21 likely he needs the meat. So that's what I'm kind of  
22 recommending that all of us people here kind of work  
23 towards that goal where the tribes could decide on -- more  
24 or less on what to enforce and what not to enforce, and we  
25 know if someone's fooling around.

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27 But the truth is, I've been here 20 years,  
28 I've heard of people fooling around twice, and they got  
29 jumped on by the whole village, and they never did it  
30 again. It didn't take court anything. As soon as the  
31 village heard about some people leave some meat out there,  
32 they jumped on them. Someone jumped on them in front of  
33 everybody, and be able to -- the guy never did anything  
34 again. I think we could probably work something out like  
35 that, because it would make things easier for some people  
36 who don't have much money in their pocket to buy this \$10 a  
37 pound beef. That's my two cents worth.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Thank you, Mike.

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41 MR. RIORDEN: Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: That was a good hot  
44 seat. Next on our agenda before we break, 11, call for  
45 subsistence fisheries proposals. Open floor to change.  
46 Council, you'll find it on tab E.

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48 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It's just --  
49 this is an opportunity for council members to identify  
50 fishery issues that they want to address through the

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1 proposal process similar to what we're -- you dealt with  
2 wildlife proposals today, well, those proposals were  
3 submitted last fall at your fall meeting. Well, this is  
4 just an opportunity to begin that process for fisheries.  
5 We have through the end of March to submit proposals to  
6 change fishery regulations that will be addressed at your  
7 next fall meeting, so this is -- and, of course, we haven't  
8 had our fisheries discussions yet, so we may come up with  
9 various issues that come out in the next day or so that we  
10 want to submit proposals.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Will you please give us  
13 an explanation, what's different between subsistence  
14 fishery and commercial fishery? This -- of course, most of  
15 our people that don't very much understand, they don't  
16 understand the difference between subsistence/commercial  
17 fisherman. Down here in the lower Yukon all the fishermen  
18 are commercial/ subsistence fishermen. We are talking  
19 about only subsistence right now, is that right?

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21 MR. BERG: Yes, that's correct, Mr.  
22 Chairman. This -- the federal program only deals with  
23 subsistence fishing and wildlife regulations on federal  
24 lands, and so all commercial fishing is managed by the  
25 state, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, so any  
26 commercial fishing regulations that you would like to  
27 change would have to be -- you would have to submit a  
28 proposal through the State process, and so this proposal  
29 form that's in the books, and we have copies of it on the  
30 back table, and we will help people formulate proposals.  
31 If they want to submit a proposal, it's only for  
32 subsistence regulations through the federal program, and,  
33 of course, we're always trying to keep state and federal  
34 regulations in alignment as much as possible, but it is  
35 only for subsistence regulations, and not for commercial.  
36 But the opportunity to submit a proposal will extend  
37 through the end of this month, so we can just come up with  
38 ideas now, and we can work out the final language through  
39 the next few weeks.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, wait. I'm  
44 looking at those translators over there. We've got some  
45 elders and some people here. I hope they translate so  
46 these elders here, they could understand what he's talking  
47 about.

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49 MR. OWLETUCK: (In Yup'ik)

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: If you don't -- if you're not  
4 clear on any of the discussions, Alex is also available to  
5 transcribe some of the.....

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7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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11 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: Right they're going to be  
14 talking about subsistence only. Subsistence is the only  
15 topic that they're going to be discussing at this time.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Lester.

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, point of  
22 clarification, or just a point to give a little bit more  
23 information to the public, anybody can -- you see this  
24 regulation book right here? If any of you people see a  
25 regulation in here that you do not like, or if you would  
26 like to add other regulations to the regulations that  
27 exist, anybody in this room can submit a proposal to change  
28 these regulations. It doesn't have to be the city council,  
29 traditional council or anybody else. An individual can  
30 make proposals. And if you need help, Jerry's right there  
31 to help you out.

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33 MR. FLEENER: And the proposal forms are in  
34 those books, too.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)  
37 Okay. That help you a little bit?

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39 MR. BERG: Yeah, thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Back there  
42 somewhere. Where? Oh, back there, yeah. Come on, stand  
43 up and say your name.

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45 MR. UNOK: Al Unok from Kotlik. What  
46 Lester was saying, the proposals, we don't like the  
47 proposals that they wrote already, we can oppose them.....

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49 MR. L. WILDE: You can write a public  
50 comment.....

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1 MR. UNOK: .....or comment to the things  
2 (indiscernible).

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4 MR. L. WILDE: .....to the.....  
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6 MR. UNOK: Take them out and  
7 (indiscernible). Thank you, Lester.  
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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: If you please continue,  
10 or that's it or.....  
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12 MR. BERG: That's it.  
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14 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if  
15 this would be appropriate time to discuss the boundary  
16 change up here between here and Stebbins? Would it --  
17 would this be an appropriate time to talk about the change?  
18 I believe it's State of Alaska boundary change that's going  
19 to be.....  
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21 MR. L. WILDE: They pulled it.  
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23 MR. NICK: .....there's going to be -- the  
24 Village of Kotlik and people from this area will have to  
25 propose customary and traditional use proposal for the area  
26 where the new boundary is going to be for -- is unit change  
27 or something like that?  
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29 MR. BERG: It's a boundary change, yeah.  
30 And that was under some actions the Board of Fisheries took  
31 this last January. I don't know if that's what the Council  
32 wants, we could discuss that issue now. That is an issue  
33 we need to -- probably should discuss sometime during this  
34 meeting.  
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36 MR. NICK: For your information, Mr.  
37 Chairman, the Village of Kotlik was contacted by myself. I  
38 think my pers -- or rather my contact person is Pius  
39 Akarion (ph). I told him that before this meeting takes  
40 place, it would be appropriate for Village of Kotlik to  
41 come with some kind of proposal for the Council to  
42 consider, or for the staff to help the community with. I  
43 don't know if, Mr. Unok.....  
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45 MR. UNOK: Yes.  
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47 MR. NICK: .....you're with the city?  
48 City?  
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50 MR. UNOK: City.

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1 MR. NICK: City of Kotlik?

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3 MR. UNOK: Yes.

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5 MR. NICK: I don't know if this was brought  
6 to your attention that, you know, this would be appropriate  
7 time or may be appropriate time to work with people like  
8 maybe Laura or someone from the staff to come up with  
9 proposal for -- you know, Village of Kotlik and maybe  
10 neighboring villages to propose for customary and  
11 traditional use determination. I don't have a copy of the  
12 regulation book, but Lester Wilde show you that federal  
13 regulation, subsistence regulation booklet. In each of  
14 those species you see customary and traditional use and  
15 underneath that there's -- I think Jerry or somebody here  
16 could explain it better than I can. Underneath that, you  
17 know, there's a list of villages outside of that immediate  
18 area which are using the -- you know, the area, or given  
19 use determination, is that how they put it? Use  
20 determination for, you know, to hunt and fish in that area.  
21 Well, what it looks like if nothing is done, there's  
22 possibility maybe somebody might be pinched for going  
23 hunting and fishing in that area, unless you propose to be  
24 added under those eligible communities, like what is it,  
25 St. Mary's -- or rather St. Michaels and Stebbins? Vince?

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27 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, I think we've got to  
28 get a couple of people up to the -- a couple people up to  
29 the table on this issue, because.

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31 MR. BERG: Yeah, do you want -- do we -- do  
32 you guys want to go ahead with this issue now?

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34 MS. GREGORY: I think we're into it whether  
35 we like it or not.

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37 MR. BERG: It sounds like it. Yeah, might  
38 as well.

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40 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Well, let's.....

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42 MR. BERG: We should get Laura up here.

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44 MR. MATTHEWS: Let's make it clear that  
45 what we're talking now is fish, because the time to submit  
46 proposals that's open now is for fish only. Okay. Laura  
47 can correct me if I've got it wrong, but we have who  
48 qualifies for an area for fish is done by districts. When  
49 you talk about moose, who qualifies is by game management  
50 units, Unit 18, 21(E), 19. Okay. So we talk fish, we're

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1 talking fish districts.

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3 The Board of Fish if I've got it correct  
4 recently changed the boundary for the Norton Sound  
5 District. Because they changed that boundary, my  
6 understanding is people that used to go up there to fish  
7 would need to submit a proposal to get a customary and  
8 traditional determination. That they would say, we have  
9 customary and traditional land traditionally fished up  
10 there, and we want it, (1) recognized, (2) take advantage  
11 if there's a different season than the state. I don't  
12 believe there are any, but if there were some, you'd be  
13 able to take advantage of the federal season. And then if  
14 the fish in that area started to have a problem and we had  
15 to start saying who cannot fish there, then you would be,  
16 or the people who submit the proposal then would be added  
17 to that protected group of people that have priority in  
18 times of need. Okay?

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20 So with that I'll stop, and Laura has more  
21 on it, but that's my understanding of it. So we're talking  
22 fish. We can help you write a proposal, you know, that's  
23 no big deal. The Council can write a proposal, the tribal  
24 council can write a proposal, the city council can. But  
25 what we need to know is clearly what you would like, and  
26 that's why we're here to help you with that.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, Vince, we  
29 understand or they understand that we're start talking  
30 about fish, subsistence fish. And also that I've been  
31 trying to corner some staff. There are some limitations,  
32 subsistence proposal requests from upriver. What is that  
33 proposal? We've been trying to get that proposal, nobody's  
34 giving to us. Why?

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36 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, I'm not sure what  
37 you're talking about limiting, but I think that's going to  
38 come up, if it's the one I'm thinking you're talking about,  
39 it's going to come up when we talk about the Yukon River  
40 altogether, and then -- well, the Yukon. It's on the  
41 Yukon. Right now we don't have the staff here that we  
42 would be comfortable to present. Tom Kron's on his way,  
43 we're hoping. We're hoping the commercial fishery  
44 biologist from Fish and Game will be here, so they can tell  
45 you what they see on the Yukon River for next year, and  
46 what they're recommending for the season next year. But,  
47 Mr. Chair, I think it might be wise to deal with this  
48 Stebbins, St. Michael, and Kotlik issue now. The other  
49 issue is separate, and I have the -- if you're talking  
50 about the resolutions from upriver, I have copies of those,

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1 but once we start walking into that conversation, we don't  
2 have all the staff here to answer all your questions. But  
3 we have staff here to help you develop a.....

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

6  
7 MR. MATTHEWS: .....proposal to deal with  
8 the -- I don't know the name of the area, Stebbins, St.  
9 Michaels and Kotlik area.

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince, why I ask is  
12 that for this reason: The federal government took over  
13 subsistence management.....

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15 MR. MATTHEWS: Uh-huh.

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17 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: .....in the fisheries  
18 on the water flows through the federal land in 1999 after  
19 the state failed to grant a rural preference for  
20 subsistence as a request by the federal law. Why do we  
21 have to wait for the state to tell us as a subsistence how  
22 much we can do all that?

23  
24 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Chairman, and others can  
25 chime in here, no, you don't have to wait to -- for the --  
26 to hear from the state, but you know fish better than I.  
27 They have no idea if they're in federal waters, state  
28 waters, private waters, or whatever other waters there are  
29 out there. So to protect those salmon, the managers of the  
30 whole river, which still remain to be the state with the  
31 federal lands, if need be, managing separately, but to  
32 protect those fish, it will be better for this Council to  
33 understand the whole river, and we don't have the staff  
34 here to talk the whole river. But you do not have to wait  
35 for the state to take action, nor wait to hear from them,  
36 but a wise person would want to hear what they are thinking  
37 of doing, because to protect the salmon from the mouth of  
38 the river all the way through to the Canadian waters needs  
39 that coordination.

40  
41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Joe Mike?

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43 MR. J. MIKE: Yes, my name is Joe Mike. I  
44 would like to talk about the boundary.....

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46 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We need to get this on  
47 tape.

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49 MR. J. MIKE: (Indiscernible) the boundary  
50 going down the (indiscernible) and then St. Michael further

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1 up, to try to (indiscernible).

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Use  
4 that.....

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6 MR. J. MIKE: She's got the table  
7 (indiscernible) speaker.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Yeah.

10

11 MR. J. MIKE: Okay. Looking at this map on  
12 page 26, the boundary, the boundary should go over Stewart  
13 Island and further up towards Unalakleet. The last two  
14 days or more the corporation of Kotlik and other  
15 corporations from Lower Yukon from Sheldon's Point all the  
16 way to St. Michael has been talking about that subsistence  
17 hunting. In those area as long as they're native, they  
18 could come on -- they could come and hunt on our land, and  
19 we could go hunt on their land. That way we'll have more  
20 friendship with other native corporations and other  
21 villages in our area. That's what we are working on, and  
22 we're supposed to have another meeting concerning that.  
23 I'll be sure and bring this up to the people that come from  
24 Sheldon's Point along (indiscernible, hammering) and  
25 Kotlik. I would like you to know that this boundary is a  
26 little bit too small.

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28 MR. MATTHEWS: We need a little bit bigger  
29 map.

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31 MR. J. MIKE: Because we do -- people from  
32 around here do a lot of subsistence hunting even all the  
33 way up to Golsovia, that's between St. Michael and  
34 Unalakleet. If we all work together, we'll accomplish lots  
35 of things. Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Al?

38

39 MR. UNOK: Yeah. What kind of fish are you  
40 guys talking about now when you're talking about upriver?

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: No, we're talking  
43 about.....

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45 MR. UNOK: (Indiscernible - simultaneous  
46 speech)

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: .....subsistence. (In  
49 Yup'ik)

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1 MR. UNOK: You're talking -- what kind of  
2 fish are you talking about?

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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I think we're  
5 looking at this map. Norton Sound boundaries, not upriver.  
6 It's on the ocean.

7  
8 MR. L. WILDE: And we're talking about  
9 salmon.

10  
11 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

12  
13 MS. JURGENSEN: Or other fresh water fish.

14  
15 MS. GREGORY: Other fresh water.

16  
17 MS. JURGENSEN: Or trout. If Kotlik and  
18 other village areas are harvesting fish in those areas, you  
19 know, up by St. Michaels and Stebbins, in a lot of those  
20 rivers up here, like the Pigmelak (ph), Alex has the name,  
21 then we would need to know that, and again we could help  
22 just write a proposal just to make sure that everyone is  
23 included for federal c&t determination on any species in  
24 that region.

25  
26 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We'll ask.....

27  
28 MR. MATTHEWS: No, I was just saying it  
29 would be all species of fish.

30  
31 MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

32  
33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

34  
35 MR. MATTHEWS: And if during this  
36 conversation there's concern about other species, moose,  
37 caribou, et cetera, then as staff we'll note that for the  
38 future, but right now we're looking for proposals on fish.

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40 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman?

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary.

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44 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: There may be a lot of  
47 confusion among the audience here, that need to understand.

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49 MS. GREGORY: We're not being fair to them.  
50 I think we should explain what's happening first before we

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1 ask them to respond. I think the people of Kotlik don't  
2 know what we're talking about.

3  
4 INTERPRETER: They don't clearly understand  
5 what area of the fishery we are talking about at this time.

6  
7 MS. GREGORY: I think we need somebody to  
8 do a little background on this one before we can ask for  
9 people to participate.

10  
11 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, in plain  
12 English, what -- I don't know if you all understand that  
13 the determination called the -- that we use called  
14 customary and traditional use, what that means is that in  
15 the event that we don't have any kind of other resource and  
16 that we're unable, that the salmon or the fish in your area  
17 gets to the point where there's not going to be that much  
18 to share with the rest of the people, the customary and  
19 traditional determination will allow you in this area to be  
20 the only ones to go out and get those fish that are in your  
21 area. Am I correct?

22  
23 MR. BERG: Yes.

24  
25 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. And that's what we're  
26 talking about. We're trying -- there's going to be an area  
27 change, or an area change between St. Michael and Kotlik,  
28 and some of the places where some of you fish is on --  
29 going to be on the other side of that line, so in order for  
30 you to get back to your fish camp and get that customary  
31 and traditional use of that resource, then you -- it would  
32 be to your advantage to submit a proposal to have Kotlik  
33 included in that changed resource that's above the line now  
34 where you customarily and traditionally fished for your  
35 resources. Okay?

36  
37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Go ahead, Alex.

38  
39 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, I'll try to make  
40 it brief, and, Laura, Jerry, and Vince, help me out on  
41 this, help me on this. Just recently in January Board of  
42 Fisheries changed the boundary, fish boundary between here  
43 and Unalakleet. They moved the boundary. What that means  
44 is that, you know, they -- which way did they move it?  
45 North or.....

46  
47 MR. BERG: South.

48  
49 MR. NICK: Okay. They moved the boundary  
50 south. The existing boundary, I'm not sure how it is, but



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1 it's not going to be the same boundary that everyone's  
2 familiar with. What we're hoping for people from this area  
3 do, before March 30th, this year, before March 30th, is to  
4 come up with a proposal to be included in customary and  
5 traditional use of that area where it's different than the  
6 original boundary. I think that's how it is, right? Now,  
7 if you don't come up with a proposal, in the next  
8 regulation booklet that we see here, you won't be included  
9 as communities that are eligible to fish in that area for  
10 that regulatory year, until such time as your village  
11 leaders, communities come up with a proposal to be included  
12 in customary and traditional use determination. Is that  
13 how it goes? Am I wrong on that? I'm going to do it in  
14 Yup'ik so everyone will hopefully understand it briefly,  
15 Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik).

16  
17 INTERPRETER: He's know reading what he had  
18 stated in English. He rereading what he stated in English,  
19 and he's translating himself for clarification to make sure  
20 that everyone bilingual or just native tongue only would  
21 understand. So if you don't make any proposals for  
22 changes, if they don't put in any proposals for change, how  
23 they appear in the booklet will remain as before. So if  
24 there is no proposals presented, nobody will know whether  
25 if anyone needs any change or not, including the whitefish,  
26 or any kind of species that they subsist on.

27  
28 MR. BERG: It probably would also be  
29 helpful if we could get people to testify on what areas you  
30 do use, just like Mr. Mike already testified and told us  
31 the areas that are used up around -- even up to Unalakleet.  
32 It would be helpful for Laura when she writes the analysis  
33 to show that people do use those areas.

34  
35 MS. JURGENSEN: Alex, excuse me, can you  
36 read off those -- that list of rivers or streams, just as  
37 examples or not, what we're meaning -- where we're talking  
38 about.

39  
40 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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42 INTERPRETER: The areas where.....

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44 MS. GREGORY: I'll read them.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Pardon me?

47  
48 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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50 MS. GREGORY: I'll read them.

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1 MR. NICK: She's going to read them off and  
2 then somebody could correct her so we could put them on the  
3 record. Would that be okay?

4  
5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. Go ahead, Mary.

6  
7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

8  
9 INTERPRETER: Here are some of the names of  
10 the rivers. Those are the names of the areas of the  
11 rivers, names of the rivers that they subsistence fish on.

12  
13 MS. GREGORY: Kwethluk River, Puknethalic  
14 (ph), Nunavik (ph), Nunaviknuk, Nunakakak (ph).

15  
16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Nunakah (ph)

17  
18 MS. GREGORY: Nunakah. Well, somebody  
19 didn't pronounce it. Little -- is this Caval (ph) River?  
20 Manikukah (ph). (In Yup'ik).

21  
22 INTERPRETER: In this boundary here is the  
23 names of the rivers that the people of this region subsist  
24 at, you know, or subsistence fish at.

25  
26 MR. J. MIKE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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30 MR. J. MIKE: (In Yup'ik)

31  
32 INTERPRETER: These are written down. He's  
33 naming the waterways that the people subsistence fish on,  
34 the names of the Eskimo -- or Eskimo names of the rivers.

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36 MS. GREGORY: Thank you, Mike.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Qu yana. Qu yana, Mike.

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40 MS. GREGORY: So this boundary is --  
41 doesn't include these guys.

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43 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman?

44  
45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah?

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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49 INTERPRETER: The names there, what are  
50 they going to do with those rivers that the people subsist

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1 in? Are they going to do with those rivers that the people  
2 subsist in? Are they going to -- are they proposing to  
3 shut down those rivers where they subsist or what?

4  
5 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

6  
7 INTERPRETER: Those of you that -- those of  
8 the people that subsistence fish on those rivers and  
9 waters, whatever the regulations that you require that need  
10 changing, now is the time to make proposals for changes.  
11 Although the rivers are a little distance, quite a bit of  
12 distance away.

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14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

15  
16 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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20 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: A long time ago our ancestral  
23 people have subsisted on those areas, and those -- why is  
24 there a question and why is the boundaries being proposed  
25 to put in the regulations, and we have not been consulted  
26 about those proposed changed, why didn't they come about  
27 around here for those proposals?

28  
29 MR. NICK: Correct me if I'm wrong, Jerry.  
30 I'm going to respond in Yup'ik. Correct me if I'm wrong.  
31 (In Yup'ik)

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33 INTERPRETER: This -- the federal  
34 government has not put in any proposed changes on the areas  
35 where you subsistence fish at. So the reasons when the  
36 federal government took over some of the subsistence areas  
37 or fishing areas or hunting areas, that's the reason why  
38 the lines need to be readjusted to accommodate for those  
39 that utilize those areas.

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41 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: So we would like for people  
44 to put additional wordings in the proposals and boundary  
45 lines.

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47 MR. NICK: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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49 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: The proposal and boundary  
2 lines.....

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4 MR. NICK: Yeah. Laura (In Yup'ik).

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Joe?

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8 MR. J. MIKE: (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: We all know those of us, some  
11 of us, we weren't born yesterday or this morning either.  
12 Our ancestral people they had their own proposals or  
13 regulations established for their young hunters, and where  
14 they can subsistence hunt at, or subsistence fish. So when  
15 those subsistence hunters arrive home, their elders didn't  
16 tell them that they had done wrong in subsistence fishing  
17 in that part of their area. And unwritten -- that  
18 unwritten law that the elders established in our ancestral  
19 times still exists today.

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21 MR. J. MIKE: What I'm saying is that our  
22 ancestors had no written law, and that written law exist  
23 today. In that case they welcome their neighboring  
24 villages to hunt on their grounds, and we would like to do  
25 the same thing with other villages. They're welcome to  
26 hunt on our lands, thank you.

27  
28 MR. HUNT: (In Yup'ik) I was born in 1924,  
29 and I'm going to 77 right now. (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: Subsistence -- the  
32 subsistence fishery and hunting, subsistence for hunting.  
33 He was born in 1924. All of the people that reside in this  
34 area rely on the -- all areas where we can reach for  
35 subsistence fishery or subsistence animal hunting. We  
36 share in those areas. Our ancestral people have  
37 established those rules for our young hunters, so the rules  
38 and regulations that our elders established have never  
39 changed, although they are not written. Meat or fish,  
40 whatever it is, anything that we can subsist on land and  
41 water. Our subsistence way of life should not ever change,  
42 because we all have that unwritten law in relating to any  
43 subsistence use, be it big game or fish, or be it land or  
44 water.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. HUNT: Andrew Hunt, Senior, Kotlik.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: At this time we would like to  
2 hear -- I mean, you would like to say whatever you want to  
3 say. This group of people that are sitting before you  
4 would not have been here to iron out the regulations that  
5 are established already. The reason why we're here is  
6 because we would like to leave you these proposals with you  
7 to allow you to understand, so if you should have any need  
8 for changes in these regulations, we, the board here,  
9 executive advisory council here does not wish for any one  
10 of you people in this area to be hurt by the regulations in  
11 relation to subsistence hunt or fishery.

12  
13 MR. HUNT: (In Yup'ik)

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15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

16  
17 MR. HUNT: (In Yup'ik)

18  
19 MR. E. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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21 INTERPRETER: If I don't -- I'm going to  
22 say something about a boundary line. The way he  
23 understands it is this boundary, it was further north in  
24 the past. Now it's closer to our area. I don't know how  
25 far the boundary is now. When the boundary was established  
26 further north, so everybody subsistence hunt and fish in  
27 this area without having to worry about boundaries or  
28 crossing the boundaries wherever. So when the boundary  
29 became closer, went further south, so this boundary -- so  
30 the proposal -- this area -- the people of this community  
31 can establish or draft a proposal to -- in opposition to  
32 that, and the council is agreement with that.

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Yeah. Nice big  
37 one.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Al?

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41 MR. UNOK: If they make the change what the  
42 Fish Board make already, what Joe Mike suggested to a  
43 little bit past Unalakleet, do we have to ask the village  
44 of Stebbins, St. Michaels, Unalakleet if it's okay with  
45 them?

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47 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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49 MR. UNOK: And if they don't -- yeah.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Currently, yeah.

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3 MR. UNOK: If don't like it, are changes  
4 what there -- are they to received (ph).

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6 MS. GREGORY: Is he looking at the same map  
7 I am? I'm looking at page 17.

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9 MR. UNOK: I'm on 29.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, 17 is what we're  
12 talking about.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: 17 (In Yup'ik).

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16 MR. UNOK: Not the same thing?

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18 MR. BERG: Maybe, Vince, (indiscernible -  
19 simultaneous speech).

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21 MS. GREGORY: From -- see, from.....

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23 MR. UNOK: Yeah.

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25 MS. GREGORY: .....St. Michaels.

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27 MR. UNOK: What Joe Mike suggested earlier  
28 to make the boundary bigger I'm talking about, past  
29 Unalakleet. I'm asking if these people from these  
30 villages, Stebbins, St. Michaels, and Unalakleet would mind  
31 -- if they mind, they'll have to rechange it again the way  
32 they want to?

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. UNOK: Okay.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Go ahead, Vince.

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40 MR. MATTHEWS: The boundary we're talking  
41 about, and the proposal we're talking about are two  
42 different things. The boundary has changed. If somebody  
43 wants to change that boundary, they've got to go to Board  
44 of Fish and deal with that. Okay.

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46 What we're talking about here is now that  
47 that boundary has moved south, if I've it right, that you  
48 want to have the insurance policy that you have customary  
49 and traditional uses recognized for that area, so then  
50 we're going to have to decide, and hopefully there will be

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1 a committee formed of where do you fish up in those areas,  
2 so we can put it in words so the proposal can be shared  
3 with all.

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5 Now, the Stebbins and St. Michael's, one  
6 way to deal with that would be if it's a proposal from the  
7 Council or from the village here is to send them a copy of  
8 it, saying, this is what you're thinking of doing, because  
9 this is why, and ask them to submit comments on it. That  
10 you could do, but the deadline to submit the proposals for  
11 us to work on is March 30th, so that's a little close. But  
12 you could also send them that proposal that you write up,  
13 and saying you really would like to discuss it with them  
14 throughout. They have their own council, it's called the  
15 Seward Peninsula Council. They will take it up separately.  
16 But I understand that you want to keep good relationships  
17 with St. Michael's and Stebbins, so the way to do that is  
18 just to say here's what we're thinking of doing, here's  
19 why. Talk to us about it.

20  
21 Now, when it comes before this Council,  
22 this proposal, or the Seward Pen Council, but more this  
23 Council, and they want to come here to testify, we'll work  
24 with you to make sure that they have some way of sharing if  
25 they don't agree with the proposal. But a proposal is just  
26 that, it's just something you would like to do. It doesn't  
27 mean it's going to happen, so that needs to be clearly  
28 shared with St. Michael's that you want to -- and Stebbins,  
29 you want to work together. So does that answer?

30  
31 MR. UNOK: Yes.

32  
33 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay.

34  
35 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yes.

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39 MR. FLEENER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Your name?

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43 MR. FLEENER: Craig Fleener from Fort  
44 Yukon. I think that a lot of people still are not  
45 understanding what's really going on here, and I know as I  
46 listened to the explanation, it's been confusing to me.  
47 But what's happened is this boundary line has been moved  
48 south, and what happens after -- what happens since the  
49 boundary line was moved south is that you will no longer be  
50 able to fish above that boundary line. And so what needs

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1 to take place, if you know that you have traditionally  
2 fished in this area, what you need to do right now is tell  
3 this Council, you know, I fished for pike in this area, I  
4 fished for sheefish in this area, I fished for whitefish, I  
5 fished for salmon, so we have a customary and traditional  
6 use of fish in this area. And then they can come up with a  
7 proposal that says, we want to include the community of  
8 Kotlik and other communities that have traditionally fished  
9 up here. But if you've never fished up there, you prob --  
10 maybe you don't need a c&t determination. But it seems so  
11 close that it doesn't seem like you wouldn't have fished  
12 there. So if you know that people from this area have  
13 traditionally fished in that area, you need to let this  
14 Council know, and then they can come up with a proposal  
15 that will guarantee that you're included in that area, at  
16 least the federal lands in that area. Thank you, Mr.  
17 Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Elachik and you.

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21 MR. ELACHIK: I'm Peter Elachik, a member  
22 of a fisher's co-op and member of the Kotlik Traditional  
23 Council, and for the record I want to state the customary  
24 and traditional use in the areas as far as the canal and  
25 the St. Michael's Bay for the following fish and mammals:  
26 tom cod, small whitefish, herring, herring roe, quail,  
27 seal, walrus, and possibly crab and halibut. My family and  
28 I, we have traditionally used the canal to harvest these  
29 species.

30  
31 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Thank you, Mr.  
32 Chairman, it's my understanding that if they move this  
33 boundary, and the rivers that you named off, if we have a  
34 fish camp up there, we won't be able to use it.

35  
36 MS. GREGORY: That's right.

37  
38 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Am I correct?

39  
40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

41  
42 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And, you know, the way  
43 you're saying is we need to establish a fish camp before we  
44 can say that boundaries going to be off limits for the  
45 people that use the waters for subsistence fishing. Am I  
46 correct, or am I mistaken?

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

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50 MR. MATTHEWS: You're correct. If the



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1 federal government has a different season, if this book has  
2 a different season, and I don't have the state book for  
3 fish, if they're different, then this one you have to have  
4 that customary and traditional use determination. You have  
5 to be listed in it.

6  
7 MR. FLEENER: Or else you're excluded.

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9 MR. MATTHEWS: Or else you're excluded.  
10 Now, I don't know what the state regs are, and I don't  
11 think there's any conservation concerns there, so that's  
12 why I use the term insurance policy, because it's like an  
13 insurance policy to have a federal c&t, because if there's  
14 changes in regulations between the state and federal, then  
15 you'll have the federal if it's more liberal. If the fish  
16 population in the area starts really going down for some  
17 reason, then you're in that group of people that are the  
18 last to get no fish, if you have that c&t determination.  
19 If you don't, then you're in the pool of people that are  
20 all told you can't fish any more. I think I've got that  
21 right. This is a difficult concept. We've gone through  
22 this a long, long time in the Eastern and Western Interior,  
23 and it is a difficult concept, but I would say to you what  
24 you need to do now is like the gentleman before here is  
25 explain where you fish, how important that area is for  
26 fishing, and then we need to form a subcommittee, is my  
27 recommendation, from the tribe, from the city, from the  
28 village, from this Council, and from staff to hammer out a  
29 proposal tonight to bring back before the Council to see if  
30 it meets everybody's expectations. Does it say everything  
31 that needs to be done? That might be a way to go.

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33 MS. GREGORY: That's a good suggestion.

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35 MR. MATTHEWS: And we would need -- I've  
36 already buttonholed Donald Mike to be there and Alex to be  
37 there, and then we'll do it that way, and then see what  
38 happens.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yes.

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42 MR. FLEENER: You should testify that you  
43 fish in those areas.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Geof Bender?

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47 MR. BENDER: We're going to claim, you  
48 know,.....

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Speak up.

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1 MR. BENDER: .....about people who fished  
2 up there, and some.....

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4 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: We can't hear you. Go  
5 down there.

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7 MR. BENDER: What -- if everyone will  
8 understand if I put it in one sentence, what about the  
9 overlap? You know, our people fish up their, and their  
10 people fish down here. What happens on the overlap?

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12 MR. MATTHEWS: The overlap, and, Laura,  
13 correct me if I'm wrong, this change will negatively impact  
14 Stebbins and St. Michael's, because they have that  
15 determination, c&t for the mouth of the Yukon River, so  
16 theirs is not going to change. What has changed with this  
17 moving of the line is people out of Kotlik, maybe people  
18 out of Emmonak, maybe people out of -- I don't know where  
19 else, that might have fished up in the area that is now  
20 north of this new line.

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22 MR. BENDER: So all we have to do then is  
23 propose everywhere we hunt from one end to the other, and  
24 you'll grant it, as long as we've hunted there?

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26 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's not that simple.

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28 MR. MATTHEWS: You're fast. No. This is a  
29 proposal to say to everybody, we want these changes and  
30 why. And then it will go through everything and if you've  
31 done your homework, and it's shown that that's it, then it  
32 will be granted.

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34 MR. BENDER: Well, what I'm getting at is  
35 earlier Joe Mike was talking about for a long time we  
36 haven't had to deal with this kind of stuff, permits for  
37 each other, and lines for each other, and he thought it  
38 would be good to keep it that way, and Bill Moore Slough  
39 has the same policy that if some guy's hunting around our  
40 place, we're not going to tell him not to feed his family.  
41 And what I'm wondering is if every village in our area  
42 claimed from one end to the other, would the effect be that  
43 all the villages in this area would have traditional and  
44 customary hunting on all the land in total, and that by  
45 doing that would eliminate this whole thing we've talking  
46 about, it would be like it used to be. Every village  
47 member in any village would then be allowed to hunt from  
48 one end of this border to that border, and that way we  
49 won't get into the issue some day of you've got a permit to  
50 hunt there? Because that's not going to be good for us.

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1 It's just a nightmare in the making. Someone get mad at  
2 someone and start something, and it just gets -- it's not  
3 outweighed. So my question is, what if all the villages in  
4 this area have a meeting and we get together and each  
5 village claims from here to here, can we get it done, and  
6 that makes it like one big tradition and customary hunting  
7 area? It wouldn't be a lie. We have people who go way up  
8 the river somewhere for moose, and we have people go  
9 halfway to Nome for caribou. It's not a lie. It's.....

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11 MR. MATTHEWS: I can answer that.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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15 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, you can do that. And  
16 one region in particular has done that. North Slope has  
17 essentially done that with his customary and traditional  
18 use determination. So, yes, you can have a more expansive  
19 determination as long as it's based in fact, and I do  
20 believe you that there are people that go up to Nome and do  
21 whatever. That is a possibility that you can do. And I'll  
22 encourage the representative from Eastern Interior to share  
23 his thoughts on it, because there's been long, long debates  
24 with Eastern Interior on this very subject of village by  
25 village determinations versus area by area determinations,  
26 versus regional determinations, versus no determinations at  
27 all. And they've debated for a long, long time, so he may  
28 have some wisdom on that.

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. WASKA: My name is Vincent Waska,  
33 originally from Kotlik. I've been around Kuskokwim and  
34 Bristol Bay areas. I have seen many caribous in Bristol  
35 Bay at one time with Mickey Jones, and some polar bear.  
36 (In Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: He has seen hundreds and  
39 hundreds and thousands of -- when he was in Bristol Bay  
40 area. A lot of caribou. Port Moller from Port Heiden.  
41 Lots and lots of caribou. The mountains were full of  
42 caribou, and even bear goes -- when after the caribou.

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44 MR. WASKA: And I asked Mickey Jones, what  
45 are these? And he told me these are caribou. I thought  
46 they were reindeer.

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48 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman?

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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1 MR. CHARLES: Point of order. (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: The point of order is we're  
4 talking about fish proposal in this region.

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6 MR. WASKA: Okay. I'm sorry. (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: Our ancestral statements for  
9 the continuation of subsistence use, we here have retained  
10 the information and directions of our ancestral people and  
11 guidance. We ourselves, if we watch out for those  
12 regulations that our ancestral people have established, we  
13 will be hurting no one in this region. We will have to  
14 watch ourselves how we subsistence use, and we will not  
15 hurt ourselves.

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17 MR. WASKA: Quyana. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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21 INTERPRETER: This particular line that,  
22 the boundary line that we're discussing, some of the people  
23 here know about this proposed boundaries. This particular  
24 line that we're talking about are known by some of the  
25 people. This line that we're talking about has been heard  
26 southward to some degree. This boundary line came and  
27 raises out through the lower part -- just the lower -- a  
28 bit lower of Mountain Village. And the Kanowachunks (ph),  
29 I don't know where that river is. These people that are  
30 talking about this area, these people that are -- these  
31 people have already -- the previous line. If you have  
32 fished above that line, you can make a proposal. It would  
33 be very nice now to take a break and discuss with Alex Nick  
34 and this lady, Laura, down there, to discuss it, to  
35 understand better.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. At this time I  
38 think we're going to have a break, so Alex and the rest of  
39 these people, and make sure that these people they  
40 understand. If they have a question, they will come over  
41 and you guys can answer their question. We'll have ten  
42 minutes break.

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44 (Off record)

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46 (On record)

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think we have to go  
49 back to our agenda, because we're working on something  
50 that's not even our agenda. At this time we're going to

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1 start using our agenda as we approved it.

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3 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Are we disregarding  
4 this now?

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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8 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: They're going to follow the  
13 agenda now that they were -- they were distracted by the --  
14 there will be a number of people. The people here are  
15 going to draft a proposal, a group are going to be  
16 proposing, and it would be very good, and they will look  
17 over that proposal, and then they will definitely favor it.

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19 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Matthew. Vince  
20 Matthew, we are some place on there, because we get into  
21 something on our agenda. We -- I kind of lost track  
22 of.....

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24 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Right now I think  
25 you're at number 12, and that doesn't mean number 11's  
26 gone, you made that clear in your -- number 12 is where  
27 we're going to talk about things that come out of the  
28 Office of Subsistence Management, and I think right now  
29 that that -- oops, sorry.

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31 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Say your name.

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33 MR. MATTHEWS: My name is Vince Matthews.  
34 We're looking at number 12 on the agenda which deals with  
35 topics that come out of the Office of Subsistence  
36 Management, and if the Counsel would grant us the  
37 flexibility, we need to take some of these things a little  
38 bit out of order on number 12, because Laura is the one  
39 that's going to present the statewide rural determination  
40 process, and she's right now working out some details of  
41 the proposal. So.....

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43 MR. BERG: I think we've got it.

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45 MR. MATTHEWS: You think you've got it?  
46 Okay. So we probably could stay in order with (a). Now,  
47 number (b), all the staff here would rather wait until we  
48 find out for sure that Monty Mallard or Tom Vania or Tom  
49 Kron are not going to be here before we start talking about  
50 in-season delegation and other things that they were going

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1 to talk about. So I don't know if we've gotten an update  
2 if the plane is going to come in bringing them in. They  
3 were scheduled to come in today as far as I know. Tom was,  
4 but I don't know about Monty and Ray Ender who works for  
5 Monty out of Emmonak was going to be here, so they're all  
6 somewhere. So we can start off with statewide rural  
7 determination process if Laura has a moment to do that, and  
8 then go through the other ones, and if the staff's not  
9 here, if you guys could wait until they arrive, that would  
10 be great.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: So we are on number 12.

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14 MR. MATTHEWS: 12(a).

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16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Office of Subsistence  
17 Management. Tab F?

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19 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

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21 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Tab F.

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23 MS. JURGENSEN: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, yeah,  
24 there's no specific written-up page number or page for  
25 statewide rural determination. Last summer the Federal  
26 Subsistence Board directed the staff from the Office of  
27 Subsistence Management to develop a third party contract or  
28 a written advertisement for another, like a university or a  
29 tribal organization to come up with a new formula, what  
30 scientists call a methodology to determine which  
31 communities are rural and which communities are nonrural in  
32 Alaska. Now, this was written right into Title VIII  
33 regulations that the Board has to review what is rural and  
34 what is nonrural every ten years after the census. And as  
35 you know, 2000 census just occurred, so we're doing this  
36 advertisement in line for to get that information from  
37 communities. I'm working on it with other anthropologists  
38 and sociologists, and we anticipate that this contract will  
39 be awarded by this summer, and it will be awarded, and  
40 again no one has bid on it yet, and what they will do is  
41 they will research what makes rural and nonrural and come  
42 up with recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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44 Now, what -- the Board is looking mostly at  
45 communities numbering between 2500 and 7000 people, but  
46 again it doesn't mean anything is going to change. In  
47 fact, probably nothing will change, and the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board can do anything they want with it. They  
49 can use the information or they cannot use the information.  
50 It's up to their discretion.

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1                   Regional Advisory Council representatives  
2 have been chosen by all ten RAC chairs to sit with the  
3 Board whenever this subject is on the agenda, and those  
4 three members are Willie Goodwin from the Northwest Arctic  
5 Regional Council, Dan O'Hara from Bristol Bay Advisory  
6 Council, and then Gerald Nicholai from the Eastern Interior  
7 Council. As you know, they're all Regional Advisory  
8 chairs. So we have had one meeting and Gerald Nicholai was  
9 in attendance, and again they will have participation, and  
10 along with other council members whenever this comes up for  
11 discussion. They also will have to approve along with the  
12 Board any kind of document or methodology that goes  
13 forward, before it goes forward, so there will be the  
14 opportunity for the RAC representatives to review the staff  
15 work. And again we anticipate having all this work ready  
16 for all councils to review at the 2002 winter council  
17 meetings, and then hopefully then the Board will make a  
18 final decision by 2003.

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20                   So we just wanted to bring you up to date  
21 that the contract is almost ready to be advertised, and  
22 it's moving along for the summer. And again this is all  
23 directed by the Board action. If you have any questions,  
24 I hope I can answer them. Thank you.

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26                   MR. L. WILDE: Laura, was the  
27 determination, rural determination for the Kenai area, was  
28 that into place or was that reconsidered?

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30                   MS. JURGENSEN: That -- so far the Kenai is  
31 still termed -- is still classified rural from the Board's  
32 actions last fall, so right now that has not changed. The  
33 Board is considering different actions on that right at  
34 this moment. So that's all that is -- it doesn't directly  
35 affect the whole process.

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37                   MR. L. WILDE: Thank you.

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39                   CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Any more questions from  
40 the Council? Next on our agenda, (b), who would talk about  
41 -- okay. Don Rivard?

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43                   MR. RIVARD: Yes.

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45                   CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Don, will you tell us  
46 who you are and what you do?

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48                   MR. RIVARD: Yes. I am the Interior  
49 Division chief for basically the three regions along the  
50 Yukon, the Y-K Delta Region, Western Interior and Eastern

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1 Interior. To maybe put it in simpler terms, I'm the direct  
2 supervisor of Vince and Alex and Donald Mike and Laura, so  
3 I'm their supervisor.

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5 I'm going to talk -- give a real quick  
6 briefing on the in-season fisheries management delegation  
7 to the field unit managers. Specifically talking about  
8 Mike Riorden and Monty Mallard, and hopefully Monty will be  
9 able to make it and maybe give you a little bit more detail  
10 when he gets here.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I've got a message from  
13 Emmonak from Tom Kron and they are over in Emmonak.  
14 They're stuck. Somebody have to go over with the snowshoes  
15 and lead them over. And they request that it would good  
16 for work on fishery tomorrow. That's what they're request.  
17 So what's the desire of council? Shall we approve that for  
18 right here, right now, and take up the rest of the agenda  
19 for tomorrow?

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21 MR. L. WILDE: We're doing so good, Harry,  
22 we'll probably be done by tomorrow afternoon.

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24 MS. GREGORY: I think if they don't come  
25 tomorrow, that's -- we are making ourselves work harder.

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27 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I've got some requests  
28 here, too, from the staff. Those people -- they still want  
29 someone to talk about fish.

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31 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, can we suspend  
32 the rules then, leave the item number 11 for until those  
33 guys come, and go to item 13, agency reports? Yukon Delta  
34 National Wildlife Refuge, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.  
35 Can we cover those today?

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37 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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39 MR. L. WILDE: Mike?

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41 MR. RIORDEN: Mr. Chairman, I was only  
42 going to talk about fish.

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, just the fish.

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46 MR. RIORDEN: About ten minutes is all I  
47 would have, but it would probably be better to wait until  
48 tomorrow.

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.



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1 MR. RIORDEN: And there is no.....

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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5 MR. RIORDEN: .....representative from  
6 Togiak here, so they won't have a report.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Let's let Don finish  
9 his, what he going to be presenting.

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11 MR. RIVARD: In-season fisheries.....

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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15 MR. RIVARD: .....management delegation?

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17 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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19 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I  
20 would also recommend that Carl Jack has got a couple of  
21 topics to talk about under item 12, that I believe he'll be  
22 able to talk about today. Is that right, Carl.

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24 MR. JACK: Yes.

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26 MR. RIVARD: All right. Just real briefly.  
27 On February 26th the Federal Subsistence Board expanded the  
28 delegation for in-season fisheries management to selected  
29 field managers for the year 2002. Actually I believe it's  
30 for -- is it 2002 or 2001?

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32 MR. RIORDEN: 2001.

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34 MR. RIVARD: 2001. Excuse me. This coming  
35 season. Last year you may remember that the Board  
36 delegated just time and area decisionmaking to selected  
37 field unit managers, and that -- we're talking now to this  
38 region for Mike Riorden and Monty Mallard. This year the  
39 managers will be able to make decisions regarding gear  
40 type, permits, and harvest and possession limits. The  
41 intent is to provide federal managers with authorities  
42 basically equivalent to what is provided the state  
43 fisheries biologists, such as -- to authorize and issued  
44 emergency orders. In our case it's special actions. And  
45 this way the federal managers will have the flexibility to  
46 be able to respond as quickly as the state to change in-  
47 season fisheries and to protect the subsistence priority.  
48 Federal managers are expected to maintain close  
49 communication with the Board whenever in-season actions are  
50 being considered, assuring the board that ANILCA mandates

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1 are being followed.

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4 The Board is also concerned that  
5 subsistence users and councils know that their relationship  
6 is in no way diminished by this delegation. Should anyone  
7 feel it necessary to challenge the decision of an in-season  
8 manager, the special action process would bring the issues  
9 to the direct attention to the Board. So that's still  
10 available to everybody to ask for a special action in-  
11 season.

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12 So, again I think that this topic will be  
13 discussed more when -- if and when the other folks show up  
14 as well.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: So we just leave that  
17 and go to like right now that we could go -- what's hap --  
18 how about this travel vouchers and procedures and  
19 requirements?

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21 MR. RIVARD: That basically is just -- was  
22 a reminder to the council members here about just the  
23 travel procedures, getting your travel vouchers back to us  
24 in a timely fashion so that you can get paid for your  
25 expenses as well. We need to have those done as quickly as  
26 possible, and I know people are busy, but it just -- again,  
27 it's a reminder just to get those vouchers filled out to us  
28 and back to us as quick as possible. Okay. I think that  
29 was basically it. Vince, is that correct?

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31 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, that's correct.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Okay.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Then we take then next  
36 on our agenda (d), Carl could take care of that?

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38 MR. RIVARD: Yes, I believe so.

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40 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. I think that  
41 cooperative effort with the tribes and tribal  
42 organizations.

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44 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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48 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik)

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Carl, for record

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1 purpose, you should say your name and.....

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3 MR. JACK: Yeah. For the record my name is  
4 Carl Jack, native liaison, Federal Subsistence Board. (In  
5 Yup'ik) 12(d), one and two, Department of Interior Policy  
6 on tribal consultation and contracts, and the second one is  
7 process to contract for resource monitoring position. (In  
8 Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: First of all, DOI policy  
11 and.....

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13 MR. JACK: DOI policy on tribal  
14 consultation is on Tab F. These two pages. (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: These particular document, it  
17 was signed on January 18, 2001. And with the signatory for  
18 secretary for Alaska. This particular enclosure came from  
19 the executive board of April '94,.....

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21 MR. JACK: Executive order of April '94 on  
22 government-to-government relations issue between the  
23 federal and the Alaska native tribes. (In Yup'ik)

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25 INTERPRETER: Government-to-government  
26 relationship, Alaska -- federal government and tribes.

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28 MR. JACK: It's specific to Alaska tribes.  
29 (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: With the exclusion of the  
32 natives of the lower -- down lower 48 states. This only  
33 particularly talks about the natives of the State of  
34 Alaska, and this particular introduction relates to the  
35 federal government gov -- federal government to government  
36 relationship with the tribes, how they are going to be  
37 related there to catch up on some of the issues that affect  
38 the natives of the state.

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40 MR. JACK: Key points, page two, policy,  
41 responsibilities, process and procedures.

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43 INTERPRETER: And these particular ones  
44 that are listed, those are the guidelines that the federal  
45 government is going to be using that would -- things that  
46 will have to affect the native people of the state.

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48 MR. JACK: Last page, recommendation (In  
49 Yup'ik).

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1 INTERPRETER: Last page, recommendations.

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3 MR. JACK: With 20 recommendations to the  
4 agencies. Just recommendation to the federal agencies.  
5 (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: How the agencies are going to  
8 be directed to handle some of the issues that they worked  
9 on. He's -- this -- they had worked on this issue through  
10 the working groups, and using native liaisons for different  
11 agencies. And with the Alaska Tribal Council were there to  
12 assist wherever they can. They're getting it prepared for  
13 the signatures. They have made an attempt to get this  
14 documentation done before the -- that -- because of the new  
15 administration, when he gets into full swing of the -- he  
16 feel that the new administration of the United States may  
17 not have any knowledge towards the issues that affect the  
18 natives of Alaska.

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20 MR. JACK: Federal Subsistence -- Office of  
21 Subsistence Management, (In Yup'ik), to what extent they  
22 will be under this tribal consultation process. (In  
23 Yup'ik)

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25 INTERPRETER: Those are not -- those have  
26 not been hired now as of this date, this regulatory  
27 process. Therefore these tribal consultations may be  
28 needed when the regulatory process is worked over. So they  
29 can be -- they can smoothly iron out the things for the  
30 signatures of whoever should function for the signatures,  
31 the documents that are being worked on. So when the  
32 federal government is going to handle some of the important  
33 issues that may affect the natives of the tribes, they --  
34 the concern was the fact that when they started carrying  
35 this direction out, the tribes will have to be consulted in  
36 order for a smooth continuation of this process.

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38 MR. JACK: Doy. This is the extent of  
39 tribal consultation policy. (In Yup'ik) Process to  
40 contract for resource monitoring positions. (In Yup'ik)  
41 Partnership for fisheries monitoring. (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: It become that there now had  
44 -- these have -- came up as -- in the form of a question,  
45 and he responded to some of the issues as knowledgeably as  
46 he could. Under the question or -- he's not going to read  
47 it all out, but he's going to explain a little bit on who  
48 are going to be included when this process begins, how is  
49 it going to begin, why has it started then. Those of you,  
50 you need to be consulted.

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1 Last -- in mid February, the letter was  
2 sent out along with the document there, and the letter also  
3 the Federal Subsistence Board had signed that document.  
4 It's dated. Okay. Those of you that are tribes, review  
5 this documentation and see what changes you might want to  
6 participate in. (In Yup'ik) Yeah, the deadline is  
7 tomorrow. So they had meetings, AITC, and work -- ironing  
8 out how it is going to be presented. Who are the people  
9 going to be. He's naming out the -- who are going to  
10 participate when this comes about to be -- for discussion.

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12 MR. JACK: Office of Subsistence  
13 Management, Alaska native tribes or tribal organizations.  
14 (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: And it is -- right after  
17 March 15th, this particular proposal will be prepared.  
18 Okay. Now, you bring up about the proposal, and you have  
19 to keep in mind, those of you in tribal organizations, you  
20 have been given an opportunity, you can hire the very  
21 intelligent people to help you out in preparing some of the  
22 documents that need to be ironed out, and whoever's going  
23 to assist you, we'll have to work out an help and assist  
24 the tribal organizations.

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26 And then when will this begin? When will  
27 these tribal consultations begin? And then after March  
28 (indiscernible) will be mailed out or faxed out that need  
29 each deadline. The extent of that proposal is 60 days, and  
30 it has to be published within that guideline. And those  
31 that are able to make out proposals can make them out. And  
32 after that also the extension of 50 days will be given to  
33 those that are working on these issues, will be review, and  
34 prioritize the needs of the natives. And the  
35 recommendation will be offered who will be given and how  
36 much money will be required for their use. So in the fish  
37 year and that contract will be awarded. They can iron out  
38 those agreements. Whoever are selected to work out these  
39 proposals.

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41 MR. JACK: Biologists, social scientists.  
42 (In Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: This came from -- last year  
45 subsistence fishery -- and they were -- the gussacks were  
46 or organizations with the exclusion of the native tribes  
47 was worked on last year, but it would be much better if  
48 these documents are going to be affecting the natives of  
49 the State of Alaska, would be represented in this  
50 documentation. And those are working in their office and

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1 respond came from Washington, D.C. Nine will be set aside  
2 particularly for this documentation.

3  
4 So how they are going to be working this  
5 out, 809 agreement through the -- the agreement will be  
6 under 809. But remember this, in this program, there are  
7 constraints in this program.

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9 MR. JACK: Constraints. There's nine  
10 positions, six geographic areas. We estimate it will  
11 probably be for the whole program \$100,000 per position (In  
12 Yup'ik). So for nine positions, that tells you the  
13 program's probably going to cost in excess of one million.  
14 (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: That last -- sometime in the  
17 past in the Bristol Bay area when they discussed this  
18 particular issue, he said that those of us in Bristol Bay,  
19 we don't -- Bristol Bay didn't want to be -- didn't want to  
20 work with the Kodiak area.

21  
22 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik) or Kodiak. So we  
23 got -- we're expecting a letter on that. And we took that  
24 as a comment. We're going to follow it up with a letter,  
25 and then we got a similar response from the Aleutian Chain,  
26 that they don't want to be -- that Bristol Bay wants to be  
27 detached from the Aleutian and Kodiak region for -- you  
28 know, everybody probably knows the reasons why. The last  
29 Fisheries Board meeting. So we will review those comments,  
30 and we'll probably be responsive to those comments. (In  
31 Yup'ik) I think we have flexibility on geographic regions,  
32 it's more than likely we'll -- you know, we will working  
33 something out to take care of Bristol Bay. There's some  
34 other flex -- considerations or criterias that probably  
35 will be put into the RFP to reflect the comments we receive  
36 from those. (In Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: And those contractors will  
39 work using the documentation as a guideline.

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41 MR. JACK: They'll be able to include their  
42 authorized overhead, whatever overhead they have negotiated  
43 on their behalf with the cognizant federal agencies to take  
44 care of their administrative. (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: This program is worked on to  
47 help the programs.

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49 MR. JACK: So they can be able to not only  
50 develop their capacity, but also to help their regions

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1 develop like fisheries proposals, and I've been told that  
2 out of the six geographic areas, two of the positions will  
3 be able to participate in the technical review committee.  
4 That's the review committee that reviews the fisheries  
5 information, you know, the fisheries proposals. And I  
6 think if it -- it will probably do -- be there on rotating  
7 basis. So that in summary is what the fisheries --  
8 proposed fisheries and partnerships is all about.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman?

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary?

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14 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: This deadline that state for  
17 tomorrow.

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19 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik) tribes. 227 tribes.

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21 INTERPRETER: This particular documentation  
22 was mailed out or faxed out to the tribes in mid February.  
23 And there is a question why, the response has not -- not  
24 too many responses have come about.

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26 MR. JACK: And we haven't received too many  
27 comments. And let me just say in conclusion that the  
28 Chairman is in full support of this program.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Which chairman?

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32 MR. JACK: Mitch Demientieff.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Chairman of the Subsistence  
35 Board.

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37 MR. JACK: Yeah.

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39 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Question  
40 to Carl Jack? It look like you do a really good job. (In  
41 Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: At this particular time,  
44 anybody that wants to say, make a comment or there's a list  
45 of people that need to talk about -- towards subsistence.

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47 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: The YYKR.....

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9 MR. TEELUK: Yeah. Okay. Mr. Chairman,  
10 big chief, board members. (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: Last summer he was fishing,  
13 and every year we subsist to feed our family. This summer  
14 we did not catch anything. We hardly caught anything.  
15 Fish and Game was cutting off our subsistence. On  
16 (indiscernible) to the state and wondering if you could  
17 help out the residents, to protect our subsistence way of  
18 life. In years to come, in days to come, just make a point  
19 not to take anything away from (indiscernible). And we try  
20 to catch in (indiscernible) fish, we catch chinook and we  
21 make strips and try to make enough for family. But last  
22 summer it was very sorry for our (indiscernible). Fish and  
23 Game were -- Fish and Game, they would not fish because the  
24 Fish and Game monitor in the subsistence catch. And when  
25 you are fishing for subsistence, it takes a lot of work, it  
26 took days to (indiscernible) you have constant attention,  
27 otherwise they spoil. But then sometimes they think that  
28 Fish and Game will interfere with their subsistence  
29 fishing, that's why they didn't -- they didn't subsist. I  
30 know that the State will not give out money to  
31 (indiscernible) of our subsistence. All these people who  
32 are depending on fish, that they fish in the river, and we  
33 don't go anywhere in our area, residents. There are a lot  
34 of people who are out of jobs and need money.  
35 (Indiscernible) I don't mind too much even the commercial  
36 is closed. But t his one here, this subsistence, it  
37 shouldn't be bothered. There -- it takes away much and it  
38 hurts families. These people here, I do not like to see my  
39 people to be scared of Fish and Game when they are trying  
40 to feed their family. Nowadays it seems like people are  
41 scared to go fishing for their own use. If I had any  
42 strips right now, I would share them with you, but right  
43 now we are out of those. I'm wondering if you could help  
44 these people. Can you as an agent or a group come up with  
45 a proposal to help these people out. These fisheries are a  
46 traditional use, and have been going on for many, many  
47 years, and we don't waste when we have it, we share it with  
48 other people. I'm asking you people if you could -- while  
49 you're looking at it, are you going to help us out or is  
50 the State going to come out and interfere with our



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1 subsistence way of life? I'm wondering about what you can  
2 do to help. I don't like to see my people trying to catch  
3 -- or feed their families in a fearful manner. We always  
4 fishing. When the weather is bad, it's a very bad time to  
5 cut fish, because the fish spoils. There's been time when  
6 the weather is good or us that have to put up fish. And  
7 then when we go to fish camp, we'll sit around, do nothing  
8 and wait for word. So he's -- what do you think?

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: This question that you ask,  
13 we cannot handle it, but you can as an individual can do  
14 it. Sometime today we heard (indiscernible) the floor is  
15 open for anyone to come with a proposal towards subsistence  
16 fishing. You and your community members can come up with a  
17 proposal, give them to that lady. She can come up with a  
18 proposal. You can -- and she will present them to them.  
19 And this group here, these ones, they're only advisors. We  
20 cannot come up with a law. We are just an advisory group.  
21 It would be good if these people come up with proposed  
22 subsistence issues. These people who are working on these  
23 are at Emmonak right now, and hopefully they will be here  
24 tomorrow to answer some of these issues, and clarify.  
25 These people should wait, and they should put them in a  
26 proposal form. Even myself, I have made a statement, why  
27 is an outsider, how come these guys are trying to control  
28 my subsistence way of life. But if you come up with a  
29 proposal, we will do our very best to give you support.

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31 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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33 INTERPRETER: Are those guys coming  
34 tomorrow?

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36 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: Maybe tonight or tomorrow.  
39 Tonight, 5:00 o'clock we have to put our things away,  
40 because this evening they're going to have -- when they  
41 called me from Mountain Village, when we want to use the  
42 hall, we cannot interfere with your activities. That's why  
43 we want to get together tomorrow morning instead of  
44 tonight. But unfortunately those people that are working  
45 on the fisheries are not here. One works for the state and  
46 one works for federal. If you want to talk about  
47 fisheries, you should do that tomorrow. Moose or caribou,  
48 you may do so, because we have some people to answer those  
49 questions.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary?

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3 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: You should come up with a  
6 proposal with that, you know, instead of just talking about  
7 it.

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9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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11 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: (Indiscernible) help me.

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15 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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17 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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19 INTERPRETER: Will I repeat myself

20 tomorrow?

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22 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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24 INTERPRETER: Yes, you may do so.

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26 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, (In Yup'ik).

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30 INTERPRETER: I'm not going to smile at

31 them

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33 MR. TEELUK: (In Yup'ik)

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35 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. (In

36 Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: These people might want to go

39 home.

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41 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Edward Andrews.

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43 INTERPRETER: Edward Andrews.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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47 INTERPRETER: If you want to talk about  
48 fisheries or you're going to come up with a proposal.

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50 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: I don't have a proposal, but  
2 talk (indiscernible) something, I wanted to open up  
3 something that's been bothering me, but I might not be  
4 coming -- going home tonight. But I'm not going to talk  
5 about our proposal, but I was going to say something that's  
6 on my mind.

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8 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: If you are going to talk  
11 about fisheries, that you wait until those people come to  
12 answer your question.

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14 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: I wouldn't mind.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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20 INTERPRETER: We -- these people are not  
21 prepared to answer some questions concerning fisheries, but  
22 the game management.

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24 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman?

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26 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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28 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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30 INTERPRETER: Those -- that noise, our  
31 manager told or informed us that there's another building,  
32 but the building is smaller. Those people that are working  
33 here are interfering with our activities.

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35 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Al?

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37 MR. UNOK: They're not going to make too  
38 much noise now. They're only going to do a little bit with  
39 -- they're not going to do it tomorrow. (Indiscernible)  
40 It's going to be quieter tomorrow. And that place is going  
41 to be a little bit too small.

42  
43 MR. NICK: Okay.

44  
45 (Whispered conversation)

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47 MR. NICK: Yeah, the only problem we're  
48 going to be running into is that the council meeting,  
49 transcripts are recorded by the recorder. The minutes of  
50 the meeting and your testimony will be written based on

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1 what is recording. That's.....

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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We can talk a little  
4 bit morning come. It should be stopping then. Like he  
5 said, they be (indiscernible).

6

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

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9 MR. OWLETUCK: (In Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: When the noise comes on, our  
12 voices disappear.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Billy, (In  
15 Yup'ik)

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17 INTERPRETER: Which ones are you going to  
18 cover? If those people were here, it would be okay to talk  
19 about fisheries, but unfortunately we can't answer those  
20 questions. It's very important to talk about subsistence  
21 issues, but we can't answer some of your questions.

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23 MR. B. CHARLES: Qu yana, Mr. Chairman. (In  
24 Yup'ik).

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26 INTERPRETER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
27 Thank you for coming. I was going to talk about fisheries,  
28 but I want to cover on animals.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Can you state your name?

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32 MR. B. CHARLES: Billy Charles, Emmonak  
33 Tribal Council. (In Yup'ik)

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35 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, (In Yup'ik) tribal  
36 council.

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38 MR. B. CHARLES: Right now we're for the  
39 past ten years, ten, 15 years now the Tribal Council of  
40 Emmonak is trying to build the capacity and capability to  
41 administer and contract and develop our natural resources  
42 program so that we would be -- that will enable us to do  
43 some monitoring and get into consultation as Mr. Carl Jack  
44 was saying earlier today. But even though my primary  
45 concern, my emphasis would have been on fisheries, I  
46 believe the game management is going to apply the same way  
47 as it applied to the fisheries, that while it's depleting,  
48 I think, you know, there's no way that we can assure  
49 ourselves that the other game, the four-legged animals  
50 would always be around also. So in thinking those lines, I

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1 would like to draft or have someone help draft proposal  
2 that will enable us to start to gather data of the  
3 subsistence resour -- subsistence catches that we do,  
4 whether it be the moose, the caribou, the beaver, the --  
5 and anything else, and have that data and help -- or that  
6 will enable us to help -- that will enable us to  
7 subcontract or comanage or go into contract with the  
8 agencies, whether it be the state or the feds to assure  
9 ourselves that we will always have -- we would always  
10 assure that our communities have enough resources to go  
11 around. In the event that this game gets endangered like  
12 the fish resources, that will allow us to negotiate with  
13 other user groups, whether it be upriver or down, or around  
14 the area so that we wouldn't -- we'll have something set so  
15 that we'll be able to negotiate, and everybody -- if you  
16 allow that to happen, it will be sort of like a self-  
17 monitoring program.

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19 And I don't think -- the problems I have  
20 with the state is that, you know, they're there and we're  
21 here, and we're here, you know, 12 months out of the year.  
22 And if we have the capacity and capability to monitor and  
23 manage or comanage or go into a memorandum of agreement of  
24 some sort, we will at least have -- we will at least be on  
25 site monitoring this game or fish that we're all so  
26 concerned about. I just want to just echo what Carl Jack  
27 has said in enabling the communities or the tribes to go  
28 into comanagement, contracting and like that, but first we  
29 need to have the data available to us, and see what each  
30 family uses in the event that the resources become to where  
31 that when they start to deplete, at least we have  
32 negotiating power at the community level with the other  
33 user groups.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Will you put in.....

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37 MR. B. CHARLES: Even if I'm saying this in  
38 regards to just the game, you know, this also could apply  
39 to the fisheries also.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Are you in the process of  
42 making a proposal to that effect?

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44 MR. B. CHARLES: I didn't know the agenda,  
45 Mr. Wilde, and that's why we didn't have a proposal, but at  
46 the same time I would object to any proposals that would  
47 restrict our subsistence use in fish from -- whether it be  
48 to the south of us or upriver for us until these contracts  
49 or capacity and capability are in place.

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1 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Counsel, you have a  
2 question to Bill? Yeah, quyana.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Just a reminder that we are  
5 still in the process of taking -- we'll be taking proposals  
6 tomorrow, so you still have time to make what you said into  
7 a proposal form.

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9 MR. B. CHARLES: Quyana.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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13 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, that line is this  
14 month, 30th. Yeah.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, does anybody  
17 here have the proposal forms handy?

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19 MR. NICK: They're in the back of the  
20 regulatory.....

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22 MR. L. WILDE: The man to see.....

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24 MR. NICK: .....regulations book.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: .....is Vince Matthews back  
27 there.

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29 MR. MATTHEWS: Yeah, we have proposal book  
30 -- we have forms for regulatory proposals, and they're on  
31 page 12 of your regulation book.

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33 MR. FLEENER: Page 12.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, we know that, but I  
36 just want to make sure the public knows there's proposal  
37 forms available.

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39 MS. GREGORY: And the young lady in pink  
40 will help you as well as Mr. Matthews and Mr. Berg.

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42 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, quyana.

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44 MR. B. CHARLES: Quyana.

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46 (Whispered conversation)

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) subsistence  
49 fishery (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: Those that want to make  
2 comment about the fisheries or subsistence fisheries will  
3 have to wait until tomorrow.

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. Al Unok, I see  
6 that you have two papers here. One of them is upriver  
7 proposal. What is that?

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9 MR. UNOK: (Indiscernible)

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11 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, come over. Come  
12 right there.

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14 MR. UNOK: My name is Al Unok from the City  
15 of Kotlik, and I wasn't here this morning, I was too busy  
16 getting stuff ready, and I heard there was a proposal on  
17 upriver fishing and some people here are, what they call  
18 it, like sock, that there's a proposal made that we didn't  
19 know, and they're hurting -- the people that heard it are  
20 hurt right now, and how come people downriver didn't know  
21 that we could make proposals before, and then upriver make  
22 proposal already that fish that we could catch during our  
23 subsistence, and we cannot take. That's the most needed  
24 ones we like to catch, the first fish.

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26 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) What kind of  
27 proposal was it?

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29 MR. UNOK: It's about -- I didn't hear it,  
30 but the way I understand it, if I'm not right, you guys  
31 could correct me on that. Upriver people made proposal to  
32 let the first fish pass so we wouldn't -- the people  
33 wouldn't catch the fish for their own subsistence use.

34  
35 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Let me ask Donald Mike,  
36 you work with the people up there. Do you know anything  
37 about that proposal, what's -- what he's talking about?

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39 MR. D. MIKE: At the joint meeting we had  
40 in Fairbanks, they were talking about -- they were  
41 discussing the possibility of letting the first pulse of  
42 kings pass through (indiscernible) then waiting for the  
43 second pulse for subsistence. Is that correct, Craig?

44  
45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Will you two come on  
46 the table here. (In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. D. MIKE: Mr. Chair, at the joint  
49 meeting with Eastern and Western Interior Regional Advisory  
50 Council.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. D. MIKE: Donald Mike, Council  
4 coordinator. The joint councils met in Fairbanks last  
5 week, and the discussion led to the possibility of allowing  
6 the first pulse of king salmon to pass through the  
7 districts of Y-1 and Y-2, and allow for subsistence for the  
8 second pulse. And I've got Craig Fleener, he's the Eastern  
9 Interior Regional Advisory Council member, and if he's got  
10 anything to add?

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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14 MR. FLEENER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Craig  
15 Fleener from Fort Yukon. The primary discussion around  
16 letting the first pulse go through was because we learned  
17 recently that the first pulse, about 50 percent of the fish  
18 that come through on the first pulse are the fish that  
19 spawn in the Yukon River in Canada. And in this year and  
20 in past years the returns have been pretty poor. And last  
21 year the return was seven percent of what it was supposed  
22 to be. So we have an escapement goal, and I can't remember  
23 what that is, but only seven percent of those fish actually  
24 made it there, and if it's true that this first pulse is 50  
25 percent of that, that is going to go into Canada, then our  
26 intent was to protect those fish, at least some of them, so  
27 that the escapement can go up, because if we continue to  
28 fish on the population of fish, you know, we're just going  
29 to keep decreasing that escapement level. And right now  
30 it's at seven percent. You know, if we keep fishing -- if  
31 we keep catching a lot of the fish from the first pulse,  
32 you know, there's a good chance that that escapement level  
33 can go lower and lower every year.

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35 And, of course, another reason that we  
36 talked about it is because the amount of catch in the upper  
37 Yukon Flats area, which is where I come from, was so low  
38 this past year that almost nobody got any fish. There was  
39 almost no fish caught, and so allowing the first pulse to  
40 go through the first couple of districts would allow some  
41 subsistence fishing in the upper Yukon Flats.

42  
43 And you guys have -- every salmon that  
44 comes into the Yukon comes by you guys' villages down here,  
45 but in the upper Yukon Flats, you know, we have one pulse  
46 that goes through. And if we don't -- if we're not allowed  
47 to fish that pulse, we get no salmon. And if that pulse is  
48 not allowed to go through, escapement levels will be  
49 reduced.

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1                   And I understand the frustration, you know,  
2 this -- he's got a good point, you guys want to have access  
3 to those fish as well, but if we -- if everybody continues  
4 to fish the first pulse, I think that the numbers are going  
5 to keep getting lower and lower every year, and, of course,  
6 we won't be able to fish, which is how it's been the last  
7 couple of years. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Shall we stop this far  
10 and wait until the fishery management tomorrow, if they  
11 come in, and then.....

13 MR. D. MIKE: Okay.

15 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Vince?

17 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chair, I think that  
18 would be wise. I do have the language from the resolutions  
19 that Eastern and Western Interior passed, and I could hand  
20 those out.

22 MR. FLEENER: He said wait until tomorrow.

24 MR. MATTHEWS: The Resolution 1 and 2, the  
25 wording has been approved. Resolution I'm working with the  
26 main author over there on it. So I can pass these out so  
27 you can look them over for tomorrow, so you know what they  
28 said. So that's available.

30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think it would be  
31 good to let the audience, some of the audience look at  
32 those.

34 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

36 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Because those are the  
37 ones they're going to really concern about, and to make  
38 proposals.

40 MR. UNOK: The reason I was here, too, was  
41 to ask when this proposal started for the villages?

43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

45 MR. UNOK: Nineteen, ten years ago? Five  
46 years?

48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: No, (In Yup'ik).

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50      INTERPRETER:  You are now in the stage of
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1 -- at the time that you have to proposal (In Yup'ik).

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3 MR. UNOK: So it's the people's choice.....

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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7 MR. UNOK: .....to make out their own  
8 proposals, but.....

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10 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: There are -- thank you.  
13 There are three proposals that you are going to be  
14 reviewing tonight, or as you wait -- or the resolutions.

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16 MS. GREGORY: It's a resolution.

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18 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Uh-huh. I mean, I'm  
19 sorry, resolution.

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21 MR. UNOK: Okay.

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23 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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25 MR. UNOK: Then it's my mistake. It's not  
26 a proposal, resolutions.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Res -- (In Yup'ik)

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30 INTERPRETER: These resolutions, three  
31 resolutions.....

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33 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: These are resolutions.

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35 MR. MATTHEWS: These are resolutions, but  
36 please.....

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38 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. Two are passed, one is  
39 not.

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41 MR. MATTHEWS: .....stay with them when we  
42 discuss them tomorrow, because they are asking the manager  
43 for the Yukon River on the federal side to follow those, as  
44 well as the State.

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46 MR. FLEENER: And if they're followed,  
47 they'll affect in-season management, so that will be  
48 important -- it will be important for you to.....

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50 MR. MATTHEWS: Very important.

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1 MR. FLEENER: .....understand.

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3 MR. UNOK: And I'm asking why didn't ask  
4 down river people if it's okay to do this?

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6 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Maybe Vince could  
7 answer.

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9 MR. MATTHEWS: Well, what -- we did have  
10 two representatives from this council at that meeting, plus  
11 their coordinator, so there's been over time trying to have  
12 representatives at each meeting. Mr. Fleener's here, and I  
13 apologize, I forgot, Ron Sam was going to be here for  
14 Western Interior, but his family medical situation required  
15 he could not make it. So both of them were going to come  
16 to here to talk about this, as well as two members from  
17 here went upriver. So it wasn't done without input from  
18 your area. There was discussion from the two  
19 representatives and Alex on this action. They spent almost  
20 half a day on this, so.....

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22 MR. D. MIKE: Mr. Chair, the reason  
23 these.....

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25 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Donald.

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27 MR. D. MIKE: I think the reason -- Donald  
28 Mike, council coordinator. The reason these resolutions  
29 came up was during the discussions of the in-season  
30 management, and this is how the resolutions came about.

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32 MR. MATTHEWS: And that's tomorrow.

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34 MR. FLEENER: But we should wait until  
35 tomorrow.

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37 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay. We'll save all  
38 this for tomorrow, but for you to look at these resolutions  
39 for lower Yukon, and you are looking at now resolutions how  
40 they word it and all that.

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42 MR. UNOK: Mr. Chairman?

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44 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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46 MR. UNOK: And the Board, maybe in the  
47 future can we take care of these resolutions and proposals,  
48 you guys, or the department?

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50 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: You have all of these.....

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3 MR. UNOK: Yeah, any kind of proposals.....

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5 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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7 MR. UNOK: .....I'm talking about, if they  
8 could have -- the villages have maybe just a copy of what  
9 the region's proposing for, and that way we wouldn't have  
10 surprise thing if they have some kind of meeting again.

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12 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik).....

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14 MS. GREGORY: That's a good point.

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16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: .....(In Yup'ik)

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18 INTERPRETER: Tomorrow when those fish  
19 manager -- fisheries management group come through  
20 tomorrow, perhaps you can -- it will be appropriate then  
21 for you to.....

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23 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, he has a good  
24 point, and I.....

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26 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah.

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28 MS. GREGORY: .....I appreciate what you  
29 said, that people who make those resolutions should send a  
30 copy of it, or let the people who are going to be affected  
31 know about it also.

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33 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman?

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35 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Go ahead, Alex.

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37 MR. NICK: Yeah, because they did not have  
38 enough time to send everybody copy of that. The meeting  
39 just happened about a week ago, less than a week ago I  
40 think,.....

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42 MR. MATTHEWS: Last Thursday and Friday.

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44 MR. NICK: .....and Mike Savage, one of  
45 their council member, who's been here, and I went to  
46 Fairbanks. Then I came back, and maybe the coordinators,  
47 council coordinators from those two councils that make  
48 those resolution didn't have barely enough time to make  
49 copies to make it available for you, you know, that's the  
50 reason why you didn't have, you know, a copy in your

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1 office.

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3 MR. UNOK: Okay. Yeah. There's modern  
4 technology called fax. They could have faxed it out to our  
5 village. That would take only about maybe half an hour  
6 maybe to ten minutes, fax them.

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8 MR. NICK: Yeah, I apologize on behalf of  
9 the Fish and Wildlife staff, but I know we -- if -- we did  
10 not have time to fax any of that, because we were  
11 travelling and getting ready for this meeting at the same  
12 time.

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14 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Mary.

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16 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)  
17 We have a sign-up sheet out there, and if you would just  
18 put your fax numbers plus your telephone, and if you have a  
19 www, those kind. Any kind of information gathering that  
20 you have be made know so that -- and write us letters.  
21 Write your representative, John Hanson, and Mr. and Mrs. --  
22 Mr. and Mr. Wildes. They're serving the Yukon. Okay. All  
23 the Yukon people should write to their representatives, not  
24 just one person, because one person can forget.

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26 MR. UNOK: All right. Doy.

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28 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Okay.

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30 MR. FLEENER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Craig  
31 Fleener, Fort Yukon, I just wanted to say to this  
32 gentleman, too, that we weren't trying to pull anything  
33 sneaky. That's the reason -- well, two of us were supposed  
34 to come down, but that's the reason I'm here is so we can  
35 talk about it, and the reason behind it, and so we can  
36 discuss it. You know, we weren't trying to pull the wool  
37 over anybody's eyes. It's a genuine concern that we have,  
38 and we just -- we want to work it out with you guys, as  
39 we've been working things out really well for the last few  
40 years as we've started having our joint meeting. And so we  
41 just want to continue that good working relationship.

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43 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Bill?

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45 MR. B. CHARLES: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, (In  
46 Yup'ik).

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48 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: It's federal (In  
49 Yup'ik).

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1 MS. GREGORY: Subsistence.

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3 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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5 MR. B. CHARLES: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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7 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Go ahead, Mary.

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9 MS. GREGORY: We are the Federal  
10 subsistence village representatives on the RAC, the  
11 councils who -- we'll be speaking for you people.

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13 MR. B. CHARLES: At what level?

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15 MS. GREGORY: We're advisory to the federal  
16 people. I think I'm right.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Federal Subsistence Board.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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22 MR. B. CHARLES: Federal Subsistence Board,  
23 okay. Quyana.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah, Mary Ann, (In  
26 Yup'ik).

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28 MS. KAMKOFF: (In Yup'ik)

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30 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Huh?

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32 MS. KAMKOFF: (In Yup'ik)

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34 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. HUNT: Tomorrow.

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38 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. HUNT: (In Yup'ik)

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42 INTERPRETER: When the fisheries biologists  
43 come about tomorrow.

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45 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE:

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47 MS. KAMKOFF: (In Yup'ik)

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49 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: I think, Ann, I'm going  
50 to give you opportunity. Go ahead and (In Yup'ik).

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1 INTERPRETER: What you want and we have to  
2 stop and clean up this room, and we'll put things away and  
3 we can go until then. But go ahead and come on over here  
4 and say what you have to say. Please state your name.

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6 MS. KAMKOFF: My name is Anna Kamkoff, I'm  
7 from the Village of Kotlik. Mr. President, ladies and  
8 gentlemen, (In Yup'ik).

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10 INTERPRETER: I am concerned about the  
11 animals, different animals and those fisheries. Those  
12 villages south of us, all those people from other villages  
13 go up north to subsist on -- and us Yup'ik people, we have  
14 a law, our traditional saying, and it's out traditional  
15 law, and we have to keep it in our mind. We'll have this  
16 saying, traditional teaching, and then you had -- and these  
17 laws that we have are not written down. They're not on  
18 paper. They've been passed on to us from our ancestors.  
19 Right now outsiders come, and they interfere with our way  
20 of life. Our traditional teachings we follow, and  
21 sometimes other people from other villages come subsistence  
22 in our land, and we don't say, we go to outsider, you can't  
23 do that, don't come to our area. But then outsiders come  
24 and they tell us, you can't go to this area, and you can't  
25 do this, but we don't -- Yup'ik, we Yup'ik Eskimos don't do  
26 that. All of us have been practicing this for many years.  
27 This has been passed on to us, to our heads. They are not  
28 written down.

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30 And when somebody goes out to subsist, if  
31 it's a young person, his mom or dad will teach that young  
32 hunter don't take -- don't over-take of the game. Do not  
33 take more than what's needed. That's our traditional  
34 teaching. We all have that traditional teaching.

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36 Right now we have this boundary. It did  
37 not come from us, it came from someone outside. If someone  
38 sees that his family's hungry, he's not going to say, this  
39 is the boundary, I can't hunt here, I won't go out and  
40 catch that. But then unfortunately whoever make that  
41 boundary will come around and will get that person to jail  
42 or try to (indiscernible, coughing). If that person's got  
43 a right mind, he will ask this questions, are you going to  
44 feed my children and my wife?

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46 MS. KAMKOFF: Take my whole family to jail.

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48 INTERPRETER: Or you can say, he will say,  
49 take my whole family to jail.

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1 MS. KAMKOFF: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: Long ago that's what  
4 happened. Someone got trouble because he broke the  
5 regulation, and when he was taken up, he said, take my  
6 whole family to jail, he said, just -- not just me, but my  
7 family has to eat. My family have to eat. When I grow up,  
8 sometime -- some days I was hungry and we didn't really  
9 have -- they depended on the game. But then I was having  
10 dry fish, and I was eating caribou, and I was eating tom  
11 cods, and I didn't say -- I did not have candy bar, or I  
12 didn't have an apple or any other kind of store-bought  
13 food. The earth provided to me with food. And sometimes  
14 most food was we killed it. Nowadays outsiders think  
15 because we are living like this today, they think that we  
16 can eat from the store all the time. Maybe that's why  
17 they're starting to watch what we subsist on. To me that  
18 store contains a lot of junk food. They're not food.

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20 MS. KAMKOFF: They're junk -- all junk  
21 food. (In Yup'ik) Even their meat is not food. We Yup'ik  
22 (In Yup'ik).

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24 INTERPRETER: They're not food. They are  
25 not good for the body. If I eat our traditional  
26 subsistence food, I will be satisfied. I won't get hungry.

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28 MS. KAMKOFF: Am I wrong? (In Yup'ik)

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30 INTERPRETER: In the morning I have coffee,  
31 and I eat dry fish. I will not get hungry.

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33 MS. KAMKOFF: All day long. Or if I eat  
34 seal meat, that's the best kind of food. Seal oil. (In  
35 Yup'ik)

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37 INTERPRETER: Nowadays the store deal with  
38 all kinds of different types of food. This people that  
39 watch subsistence think that they want the store-bought  
40 food.

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42 MS. KAMKOFF: No way. All of you. You  
43 know what's Eskimo food. And I don't like their boundary.  
44 (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: Even if the boundary comes  
47 into effect, that is not going to stop the people from  
48 going out and catching what they need.

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50 MS. KAMKOFF: You can hunt all the way up,



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1 even beyond the boundary. No way. Some Gussuck will come  
2 by and say you can't go beyond that boundary. I don't  
3 believe that. (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: If a man sees his hungry  
6 children, he's not going to sit down and see his children  
7 suffer. If that's boundary's not going to stop him.

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9 MS. KAMKOFF: This is boundary. He will  
10 pass it and go by. I know every one of you will do. I  
11 would if I'm hungry. 'Cause nobody hunts for me, 'cause I  
12 lost my husband two years ago. (In Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: Sometimes my boy, my boy  
15 don't come with game every time he goes out hunting.  
16 Sometimes he comes back empty-handed.

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18 MS. KAMKOFF: It's written from our -- way  
19 back from our ancestor, pass it down to us, and we're  
20 passing them to our kids. (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: All these teachings are all  
23 in our heads. And we keep them in our heads and we pass  
24 them on to our young people.

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26 MS. KAMKOFF: (In Yup'ik) young boys and  
27 girls what their ancestor had done. (In Yup'ik)

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29 INTERPRETER: They know the importance of  
30 subsistence way of life.

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32 MS. KAMKOFF: They always come by. (In  
33 Yup'ik) Sheldon's Point, Alakanuk, Emmonak, all the way up  
34 to get their supply for their spring. (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: Those people from other  
37 villages, they come, they come here, come through here to  
38 hunt different types of subsistence food. During the --  
39 towards the spring, the freezers are usually, the contents  
40 usually go down, but they have no choice but to go out to  
41 subsist on caribou, anything that the land provides.

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43 MS. KAMKOFF: Like caribou, anything that  
44 could be eatable. Porcupine. (In Yup'ik)

45  
46 INTERPRETER: Anything that provides food  
47 for the family. And when the (indiscernible). And then go  
48 hunting, but sometimes, well, some women go out  
49 subsistence. They go for rabbits and ptarmigan. He don't  
50 overhunt, they just go hunt and catch just enough for the

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1 family. And this is about all I have to say. Am I telling  
2 a lie? Did I say things wrong? That is ready (ph) now,  
3 that's -- it seems like outsiders interfere with our life.  
4 Our ancestors lived on and they managed their game on their  
5 own. And then some -- then they come, outsiders come and  
6 they tell us what to do since even we don't -- even we know  
7 how to take care of our subsistence resources. Those  
8 people that make rules for us, will not give food to our  
9 children. And they will not provide them food. But right  
10 now, up to this date, to this traditional Yup'iks help each  
11 other out. If they have a spare, they pass it on to other  
12 people. They will not look at someone go starving.

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14 MS. KAMKOFF: Right?

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16 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Right.

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18 MS. KAMKOFF: All right. (In Yup'ik)

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20 INTERPRETER: All these villages are --  
21 have to start traditional way of life. And teaching that  
22 to their young people. And those hunters always give me  
23 their extra food, and this is all I have for you.

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25 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Quyana.

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27 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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29 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: We thank you very much,  
32 because we -- this is not the first time, and we are  
33 reminded of those teachings that were passed on to us. And  
34 for now we are going to stop.

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36 CHAIRMAN H. WILDE: Staff, you are invited  
37 for Eskimo dance today. Make sure that you come over.  
38 There's a man over there, back there behind with the white  
39 sweater, he said, all of you come over. Okay. Thank you.  
40 We'll start again tomorrow 8:30 in the morning.

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42 (Off record)

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